

Five people are killed in road crash tragedies

COUNCILLORS have extended their sympathies to the families of those killed in two horror crashes over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Five people died in two separate crashes in Mid Wales on Good Friday last week, including an 83-year-old woman who was involved in a five-vehicle collision on the A483, just north of the A458 in Welshpool, a stretch

of road commonly known as Moors Length. Despite the best efforts of paramedics, the woman died at the scene, Dyfed-Powys Police said.

Next of kin have been informed and a specialist officer is providing family support, the force confirmed.

Another casualty was also taken from the scene by ambulance.

Councillor Phil Pritchard, who rep-

resents Welshpool on Powys County Council, said: "Incidents like this make you feel really sad especially for the woman's family. They're dreadful anytime of year but especially during a Bank Holiday weekend.

"My thoughts and condolences go to the family at this sad time."

The crash happened at 2.50pm on Friday, about three hours after an-

other Mid Wales accident killed four people. That collision involved two vehicles and happened on the A470 between Rhayader and the Llangurig roundabout.

The tragedy involved a red Seat Leon and a silver Vauxhall Agila.

Two passengers in the Seat died in the crash and have been named as 86-year-old Vida Alford and 58-year-

old Gillian Alford from Shropshire. The driver of the Seat was taken to hospital with serious injuries.

Both those travelling in the Vauxhall also died at the scene.

They have been named as 77-year-old Margaretta Jones and her grandson, five-year-old Ned Jones. They were from Capel Bangor, Aberystwyth.

EDUCATION

Proposed £13m superschool takes a step forward

THE building of a £13 million superschool for Welshpool has taken a significant step forward.

Powys County Council has announced the strategic outline case for the town's education shake-up has been approved in principle by the Welsh Government.

Earlier this year Powys County Council's cabinet backed the plans for a 420-pupil English-medium school and 120 Welsh-medium school in Welshpool to replace four existing schools under a review of primary education in the town.

It would result in Ardwy, Gungrog and Oldford schools closing to make way for the new English language schools which would be built near Welshpool High School, and a Welsh-medium school opening in the town – possibly at the site currently home to Ysgol Maesydre.

Powys County Council said final approval for funding will require further scrutiny by the Welsh Government at Outline Business Case and Full Business Case stage.

Councillor Arwel Jones, cabinet member for education, said: "We are delighted that the strategic outline case for the review has been approved in principle by the Welsh Government."

The provision of the new schools is subject to procedures including formal public consultation and the publication of statutory notices. Consultation is due to begin during the summer term.

ELECTION

Chance to hear from candidates

WELSHPOOL residents will have a chance to hear from Welsh Assembly election candidates at an eve of poll hustings event.

Welshpool Town Council is hosting the hustings on May 4 starting at 7pm in the Town Hall – the night before the election.

The order of appearance has been drawn, and are as follows: Jane Dodds, Liberal Democrat at 7.05pm; Aled Morgan, Plaid Cymru at 7.30pm; Des Parkinson, UKIP at 7.50pm; Russell George, Conservative at 8.15pm; Martyn Singleton, Labour at 8.40pm; and Richard Chaloner, Green at 9.05pm.

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HOSPITAL LEADS THE WAY IN CARE

Report by Sue Austin

OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital is leading the way in a pioneering £2 million project to improve quality of care across England, it has been revealed.

And in a further boost the world famous hospital was this week named as a "Centre of Excellence" for its outstanding care for people with muscular dystrophy.

Acting chief executive John Grinnell said the hospital was working with the Royal Orthopaedic in Birmingham and the Stanmore in London on the £2 million Vanguard project.

"The aim is to improve quality in orthopaedic care in England, creating a model for others to follow," Mr Grinnell said.



John Grinnell

Mr Grinnell said that a special team from the three centres had been set up to create the standards. This, he said, would improve clinical outcomes for patients as well as improving quality of life, patient experience and patient confidence.

News of the pioneering work comes as the hospital was yesterday (Wednesday) given a further boost when it was presented with a national award in recognition of its outstanding care for people with muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular conditions.

Muscular Dystrophy UK has awarded the hospital with "Centre of Excellence" status, following a rigorous UK-wide audit of neuromuscular services by a panel of experts.

The Oswestry service is now only one of 10 neuromuscular centres in the UK to meet the charity's specialist criteria.

Oswestry's specialist team currently looks after 1,046 local patients, who receive expert advice, physiotherapy and hydrotherapy crucial to maintaining their health and wellbeing.

Dr Tracey Willis, consultant paediatric neurologist, said: "This recognition for our centre is brilliant for the staff. It makes them feel valued and is public acknowledgement that they are doing a great job in providing the best service they can to patients."

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Castle hosts spectacular battle re-enactment



Whittington Castle provided a fantastic backdrop for the recreation of the Battle of Badajoz. Photo: John Sambrooks.

VISITORS and locals alike were treated to a variety of activities over the Easter weekend in the Oswestry and Welshpool area ranging from egg hunts and speciality street markets to antique fairs and even historic battle re-enactments.

One of the most colourful events held over the weekend was at Whittington Castle near Oswestry where groups of history enthusiasts kitted themselves out to recreate the famous siege of Badajoz.

The battle took place during the Napoleonic

Wars and multiple historical re-enactment groups came to Whittington kitted out in the uniforms of the French, Portuguese and English to recreate the 1812 battle.

Many visitors with an interest in history also attended an antiques and collectors fair at Park Hall Showground near Oswestry over the Bank Holiday Weekend.

An egg-cellent time was had by more than 600 children who took part in a fun packed Easter egg hunt over the Bank Holiday weekend. Youngsters descended upon the British

Ironwork Centre in Oswestry to track down the colourful eggs in the hope of winning a treat and certificate. The Easter egg hunts will run until April 10. They take place between 11am and 3pm. The cost is £3 per child to be paid on the day, pre-booking essential. To book children's places call (01691) 610952.

An Easter family event was held by Oswestry market on the Bailey Head on Good Friday.

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Tourist attraction bosses in talks over plans approval

Report by Sue Austin

BOSSSES at a tourist attraction that has expanded without planning permission have pledged to find a solution.

British Ironwork Centre managers say they have been talking to Shropshire Council for months.

The centre, which is based on the A5 south of Oswestry, turned a warehouse into a showroom and constructed new toilets without the necessary permission.

But the owner of the complex says it was done quickly to accommodate a royal visit, when Prince Michael dropped in to the centre.

Since then, he says, he has been in detailed talks with planning officers from Shropshire Council about the future of the site.

Clive Knowles says a retrospective planning application will shortly be lodged with the council.

He said: "We would have moved heaven and high water to accommodate a royal visit."

Last week the British Ironworks unveiled its vision for the future, announcing plans for a garden of sculptures, based on the work of Capability Brown, whose 300th anniversary of birth is being celebrated this year.

Operations manager at the complex, Ben Knowles said it was the company that had contacted Shropshire Council about its site and how it could move forward in the future.

"We knew that things had changed rapidly in a short space of time and we wanted to understand how we could move forward," he said.

"Last year we invited planning officers to the British Ironworks to tour the centre and to discuss our vision for the future."

"Since they have been drawing up the plans to submit to Shropshire Council."

The plans put forward a new scheme to create Capability Brown style formal gardens which would lead to a natural wildlife area.

Mr Knowles said: "We know we are on a busy main road and the plans will include entrance and exit slip roads onto the A5, funded by ourselves."

"It is that link with the A5 that has led us to hold back until we have a chance to talk with the roads minister, who is visiting this part of Shropshire next month."

Hospice a winner after Red Devils clash



Izzy Lewis, Andy Mangan, Kyle Groucott and Micky Mellon and, back, **Abi Evans, Rachel Bolderton, Jo Boden and Jamie Edwards** SHREWSBURY Town might have lost out when they faced Manchester United in the FA Cup – but the club has made sure two hospices were winners.

The hugely anticipated match saw Shrewsbury lose 3-0 to the Premier League giants.

But both Hope House Children's Hospice at Morda near Oswestry and Severn Hospice have been given £550 which was raised when Martin Leeke submitted the winning bid for tickets to the match.

The tickets had been put up by the club's manager Micky Mellon, who was joined by striker Andy Mangan and Mr Leeke to hand over a cheque at Hope House's Morda base.

The offer of a "manager's matchday experience" included two tickets, a chance to meet the manager, and two signed Shrewsbury Town shirts.

Lynsey Kilvert, Hope House's area fundraising manager, said she were hugely grateful for the club's support.

She said: "It is fantastic, we have so much support from Shrewsbury Town, not just financially but they come up to see the children which is wonderful and they really enjoy it. They also allow our children and their siblings to go to matches which is great."

"This particular donation is very useful because it will go towards replacing a piece

of equipment which is fantastic." The club staff met several patients and staff members when they visited to hand over the cheque including Izzy Lewis, Kyle Groucott, Abi Evans and carer Rachel Bolderton.

They also met child nurse Jo Boden and were joined on the visit by Shrewsbury Town FC head of community Jamie Edwards.

Hope House Children's Hospice provides a range of services including respite and end-of-life care at its hospices, or within the family home.

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Castle will be venue for new art display

A TALENTED Japanese watercolour, ink and print artist will display his work at a castle.

Takumasa Ono's traditional Japanese style work will be shown at the Henro exhibition at Chirk Castle between April 9 and 22.

The artist first held his exhibition and sumi-e workshops as an official programme for Japan 2001 – a year long celebration of Japanese culture in the UK. Since then he has held exhibitions of his art across the UK every year. Sumi-e is East Asian painting and writing developed together in ancient China using the same materials – brush and ink on paper. Emphasis is placed on the beauty of each individual stroke of the brush.

The Henro exhibition focuses on National Trust properties. Artwork on display and prints will be on sale.

The exhibition will also involve two workshops on April 16 and 17, providing a great opportunity for adults and children to learn sumi-e techniques.

Booking for the workshops is through the National Trust's website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chirk-castle/whats-on. The exhibition is free, but normal admission charges also apply. National Trust members are free. The exhibition takes place in two rooms just off the grand staircase in the main house. No booking is needed to visit the exhibition, but booking is required for the separate workshops.

Former officer is a candidate

FORMER police superintendent Des Parkinson is standing as a candidate as Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner and in the Welsh Assembly elections for UKIP.

Mr Parkinson, who lives in Ard- deen, was based in Newtown, Aberystwyth and Carmarthen, before his retirement and has also served as National Assistant Secretary of the Police Superintendents Association. Mr Parkinson also stood for the Montgomeryshire seat in the general election finishing third behind Glyn Davies and Jane Dodds with 3,769 votes. Mr Parkinson, who spent 29 years in the Dyfed-Powys force, said: "Policing runs through my veins and I strongly believe my experience and passion will drive me to make the big decisions we need to take in order to bring the force's operations in Dyfed-Powys to their highest level."

Hundreds back fight to save council depot

Report by Naomi Penrose

MORE than 1,000 people have signed a petition to save a town's council depot.

The petition was started to save the depot in Llanfyllin, which is the headquarters for the area's roads maintenance and emergency response teams, after news it could face closure due to attempts by Powys County Council to balance its budget.

The authority is currently reviewing the future of four of its 16 depots in Llanfyllin, Llanbryn-mair, Presteigne and Crickhowell.

The depot in Llanfyllin currently serves a large area of north Powys and many council services are run from the site.

There are fears that in bad weather the town and villagers further into the countryside would be cut off if the depot was shut.

Powys County Council has said that its vehicles would be based instead at the depot in Welshpool.

Representatives of community councils in the area presented their petitions outside the depot entrance, and Llanfyllin county councillor Peter Lewis presented the petition to Councillor John Brunt, portfolio holder for highways, at Powys County Council's cabinet meeting. Local politicians have also united to put pressure on Powys County Council to save the depot.

Russell George, Assembly Member for Montgomeryshire, has joined other community representatives and residents in calls to save the local depot. He said: "Llanfyllin depot serves the largest area in Powys and I am concerned that villages such as Llangynog, Penybontfawr, Llanrhaeadr, Llansilin, Llangedwyn and Llanwddyn will be poorly served in the winter months if the depot is closed. I am also aware that the depot has recently benefited from significant investment and it would be wrong to close the depot in these circumstances."

"I fully understand that Powys County Council has some difficult decisions to make as a result of receiving the joint worst financial settlement from the Welsh Government of all local authorities in Wales."

"However, over a 1,000 people have now signed a petition to save the depot and this overwhelming public support for its retention should not be ignored." Councillor Lewis said: "It is good to see Llanfyllin and the surrounding community getting behind this. It shows how important the depot is to the area."

Inflatable goal lined up to be a winner



The new penalty shoot-out inflatable will be used for community events

AN Oswestry charity is celebrating after becoming the proud owners of a penalty shoot-out inflatable which will be used for community events in the area.

The New Saints FC Foundation, a charity set up to provide sports and educational activities to young people in and around Oswestry, will be testing out the inflatable for the first time this Easter as part of the foundation's free holiday sports activities, in conjunction with Shropshire Council Local Joint Committees.

The activities will take place at Weston Rhyn Recreation Ground tomorrow (Friday) from 2pm to 4pm

and then on Monday next week the activities will be held at Trefonen Village Hall and Playing Fields from 10am to noon.

On Tuesday next week Morda Playing Fields will stage the activities from 2pm to 4pm while on Wednesday the activities will be set up at St Martins Playing Fields and Centre from 2pm to 4pm. The following day Gobowen Playing Fields will host the activities from 2pm to 4pm and the day after that the activities will move to Llanymynech Village Hall and Playing Fields from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

The free two hour sessions are

open to young people aged 10 to 18 years-old and will include a range of activities, including basketball, football, tennis, rounders, rugby and golf. The inflatable, purchased with contributions from Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, Shropshire Community Fund and Lloyds Bank Community Awards, will be used for community events. Foundation officer Gill Jones, fire station manager Guy Williams, TNS players Connall Rawlinson, Kai Edwards and Ryan Edwards and foundation coaches Jason Brindley and Mollie Croxon were recently on hand to welcome the new equipment.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rider is airlifted to trauma centre

A HORSE rider who was found wandering in a country lane, unsure of what had happened, was airlifted to a major trauma centre.

The man was found near to Summerhill Junction by Brynmore Hall in the Criffins area near Ellesmere at about 12.50pm last Wednesday.

The 51-year-old was found wearing a riding helmet but was in a "confused state". A community first responder from the St Martins scheme was first on scene and was backed up by an ambulance.

Ambulance spokesman Murray MacGregor said: "The staff on scene tried to stabilise his condition as he had a head injury but in the end requested an air ambulance with a trauma doctor on board. The man was anaesthetised at the scene and flown to Royal Stoke University Hospital."

Warning is given over rogue traders

HOUSEHOLDERS are being warned to be on guard against rogue sales people.

Dyfed-Powys Police said it is warning residents to be on the guard against so-called "hawkers" or "Nottingham Knockers" operating in the force area.

These groups knock at doors and claim to be ex-convicts attempting to mend their ways, before trying to sell the householder everyday household products at inflated prices.

The force said it is advising residents not to succumb to pressure selling tactics. Sergeant Gareth Cross said: "Always ask door to doors sales people selling goods for their Pedlars Certificate."

Soul star will perform at venue

AN American soul and boogie-woogie goddess will bring her sound to Shropshire.

Dona Oxford, alongside her young British band, will bring her latest tour to the Hermon Chapel in Oswestry on April 22.

The concert in Oswestry will start at 8pm.

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Councillor quits cabinet post over bus controversy

Report by Naomi Penrose

A PROMINENT county councillor has stepped down after a school broke EU rules by spending £500,000 to transport pupils on buses from outside its catchment area.

Councillor Darren Mayor, Powys County Council's cabinet member for property, buildings and housing, resigned from his position on Wednesday last week.

Councillor Mayor, who represents the Llanwddyn ward and is a member of Llanfyllin High School's governing body, resigned from the cabinet following a cabinet decision in response to Wales Audit Office concerns that the school was spending the money on subsidising the transport costs of pupils from outside its catchment.

Mother of bite victim makes plea

THE mother of a nine-year-old boy who was bitten by a dog while walking has urged owners to be in control of their pets.

The woman, who does not wish to be named, was out walking with her son along Greyfriars in Oswestry when he was bitten by a Jack Russell dog at about 4pm on March 2.

Following the bite, the boy needed stitches on the back of his leg.

After a police appeal following the attack, the mother said the couple whose dog it was came forward and apologised for what happened.

The couple were walking towards the boy and his mother with two dogs which were both on leads.

The mother said: "I'm happy this has been resolved and the owners have said the dogs now have muzzles and they have organised a dog trainer to come in to help them."

"They've also said they will use a less busy route to walk their dogs following this."

"But I do want to get the message out there that dog owners need to be aware and cautious of the people around them, and even if your dogs are on leads, pull them in close by when there are people around."

"I know adults who were bitten as children and they're still terrified of dogs today, and my son now has a constant reminder for the rest of his life because of what happened."

It was revealed that the school had broken EU rules and council policy, as it failed to tender the bus service for the 149 students from Shropshire and 38 from Powys given transport.

The school also went against a council policy by using its budget to provide a service already offered by the authority, and school leaders have been told they must abide by the rules by September.

An independent investigation has now been launched and chief executive of Powys County Council Jeremy Patterson said it would be completed as quickly as possible.

In a letter to the Leader of Powys County Council, Barry Thomas, Councillor Mayor said: "It is with great regret that I feel compelled to resign my position from the cabinet of Powys County Council, with immediate effect."

"Since the cabinet made its decision on Llanfyllin High School's proposal it has become clear to me that, due to my involvement as a local authority governor of Llanfyllin High School, I must take responsibility for the governing body's failure to fully implement Regulation 5.2."

"However, in resigning I must make it clear that this failure has, for five years, been tacitly approved of by council officers and the council has made material gains from this failure to comply. At no point have the governing body ever hidden the use of its delegated budget and each year this transparency has been evident when budgets have been approved by the education department."

Council leader Councillor Thomas said: "Following Tuesday's cabinet decision Councillor Mayor has offered and I have accepted his resignation from the cabinet."

"As a member of a school's governing body that used school funding to subsidise home to school transport in clear breach of a council policy, I understand and respect his decision. It is the honourable and correct course of action and demonstrates his integrity."

Glowing report for school



Students at Oswestry School celebrate the exceptional inspection report

OSWESTRY School is celebrating an exceptional inspection report with bosses saying the rating officially confirms its position as one of the best in the region.

The school was awarded six top grades of "excellent" out of a possible nine by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI), plus three "goods".

One inspector said: "This is a very special place, you must be very proud."

The report said pupils are energetic, articulate and responsible throughout the school and relationships amongst the pupils and between pupils and staff are excellent.

Inspectors said the most able pupils are stretched and challenged to take risks in their learning and make adventurous con-

nections. The excellent pastoral care is a core feature of everyday school life, according to inspectors. The report also said the contribution of curricular and co-curricular provision is excellent.

Headmaster Julian Noad said: "This exemplary report for Oswestry clearly shows the numerous improvements that have been made since the previous inspection. The school is going from strength to strength and this validation of success welcomed by the school. Although the school has received a successful inspection report we must continue to move forward and we intend to redouble efforts to ensure that suggested refinements are in place for the next academic year."

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Town needs its own care centre says deputy mayor

Report by Naomi Penrose

AS the second biggest town in Shropshire, Oswestry needs its own urgent care centre, according to its deputy mayor.

Councillor Paul Milner said Oswestry's Minor Injuries Unit is the busiest in the county – despite it being one of the units open the least amount of hours. He said it strengthens the case for an urgent care centre to be based in the town. Last year 9,539 patients used the unit at Oswestry Health Centre in Thomas Savin Road.

He was speaking following a meeting on urgent care provision in the town on Wednesday last week. The meeting in Oswestry was one of a number being held by Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group, the organisation responsible for healthcare in the county.

Urgent care centres would be created as part of the proposed shake-up of healthcare and A&E units in the county. They would be available to people who need non-emergency and non-life threatening treatment. But fears have been raised that some areas could miss out.

Currently there are minor injuries units in towns across the county, including Whitchurch, Bridgnorth, Ludlow and Bishop's Castle.

Councillor Milner said: "Local health services need to remain local, and with Oswestry being the second biggest town in the county and having the most used minor injuries unit, I think Oswestry needs an urgent care centre, and this needs to be sooner, rather than later."

"We need to save people from travelling to Shrewsbury and Telford, especially as it's even harder for people in Oswestry to get to Telford."

He said overall the meeting held at the Guildhall was "positive".

"Really I think the CCG were inviting people there for them to contribute their ideas and get their views across in order to help shape the future of urgent care in the county and to feed in the overall conversation," he said.

"I think a lot of good views and ideas were expressed such as extending Oswestry Minor Injuries Unit's opening times because it's the busiest unit but one of the ones open the least number of hours. People were also asking about when decisions were going to be made because of course people are concerned and want to know what's happening."

Councillor Milner also said he believed people needed better education on what services minor injuries units offer and suggested the county's units opening times be uniform.

Richard Caddy, a spokesman for the CCG, said the purpose of the meetings was to discuss how best to provide urgent care in rural Shropshire with the current facilities.

The Welsh government has a 26-week target for its patients. There are 28 Welsh patients who have been waiting more than 52 weeks, mainly because of problems with the contract with the commissioner.

Patients can expect faster treatment

NO English patient should be waiting more than a year for treatment at Shropshire's specialist orthopaedic hospital by the end of April – unless they have delayed their surgery.

Treatment plans are being drawn up for the patients waiting the longest at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, board members were told.

It comes after health regulator Monitor criticised the hospital last year because too many patients had waited longer than the 18-week national target for day-case or in-patient procedures at the trust. At the end of February there were 21 English patients that had been waiting more than 52 weeks for treatment at the hospital, last week's board meeting was told. Twelve of those patients were waiting through their own choice.

Kim Barrow, director of nursing at the hospital, said that by the end of April those who had not chosen to wait would all have been treated. A report from Craig Macbeth, acting director of finance, said that 85 per cent of English patients at the hospital fell within the 18-week referral to treatment targets. Although this was below the national, 92 per cent target, it was within a predicted tolerance level, he said.

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Star Mark to guest at games



Paralympian Mark Fosbrook from Great Britain wheelchair basketball men's team

A PARK will once again become a playground as Oswestry's annual community games make its return.

Oswestry Community Games, which is now in its fourth year, will take place on September 25 in Cae Glas Park from 11am to 3.45pm.

Every year the games attracts hundreds of people to the park.

Organisers are working hard to arrange another successful games, and say they are delighted to announce local Paralympian Mark Fosbrook from Great Britain wheelchair basketball men's team, will be the game's guest of honour.

Mr Fosbrook, from Whittington, near Oswestry, said: "I am extremely honoured to have been asked to be guest of honour

at the Oswestry Community Games." Mr Fosbrook, 40, is part of the Great Britain wheelchair basketball men's team that won gold at the European Championships last year.

This win automatically qualified the team to compete in the Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro in September 2016, and now he is currently training to secure his place in the team that will compete in Rio.

The Paralympian needs to raise £4,000 to compete and has set up a crowdfunding bid to enable him to focus on achieving his dream of competing for his country at the Paralympics.

His page can be found at <http://energizestw.podumpartners.org/campaign/43-mark-fosbrook---road-to-rio>

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Whenever anyone mentions Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital I am always the first to praise the facility as one of the best in the world – and almost everyone you talk to has a story to tell about treatment at Gobowen.

So it's sad to read that because I live in Wales I can expect to wait a lot longer than English patients if I need surgery at the hospital and even for English patients the wait of 12 months is simply too long.

My family links to the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital – now an NHS Foundation Trust – go back over 80 years to when revolutionary "pinning" surgery saved my father's leg following a serious motorcycling accident in Four Crosses. So the hospital was always talked about favourably in the Breeze household throughout his lifetime.

There have been major changes at the top at the trust after a health regulator Monitor criticised the hospital because too many patients had waited longer than the national targets. So you could say the new 12 month figure represents a significant improvement – unless you live in Wales of course.

Of course you need to get a referral appointment long before any surgery is prescribed. The hospital trust says 85 per cent of English patients fall within the 18-week referral to treatment targets, though that's below the national 92 per cent target.

The Welsh government has a 26-week referral target and the trust blames problems with the contract with the commissioners for patients falling outside that deadline. That's not what you want to hear if waiting for life-changing surgery.

But the problems are being compounded, it seems, by people failing to turn up for appointments.

Missed appointments cost the hospital more than £800,000 last year it has been revealed. More than 5,000 patients failed to turn up. The hospital has done its bit by introducing a new text reminder service as well as an evening call reminder system so the blame clearly lies with the patient. There really is no excuse for simply not turning up.

... Easter saw carnage on the roads of Mid Wales with five people killed and several others seriously injured in a spate of accidents which brought devastating implications to many families who should have been enjoying a seasonal break. On Good Friday an 83-year-old lady died in tragic circumstances on the Moors Length between Welshpool and Oswestry and on Sunday I sat in a queue of traffic as police closed the road to allow family members to visit the site of the accident – their faces told the story, their lives changed for ever.



We need new houses in Shropshire and Mid Wales but where should they go?



Campaigners have been protesting against a proposed housing development near Oswestry Hillfort



Protesters are unhappy about the a proposed housing development near Oswestry Hillfort

Planning dilemma posed by need for more housing

We love our green fields in Shropshire and Mid Wales but we need new homes. MARK ANDREWS reports

PIP Davies walks along Oswestry's Iron Age hillfort. "I've been coming here since I was young," he says. "We've got to protect it, we've got to protect our heritage."

Few recent planning disputes have caused more emotion in Shropshire than plans to build 117 houses on land in the shadow of the ancient fortress.

The proposals, recently approved in Shropshire Council's plans for the next decade, are in the spotlight once more after being highlighted by comedian Griff Rhys Jones in his television series Griff's Great Britain.

Image

But while the programme casts a terribly romantic image about people's love of the British countryside, it also highlights the problems faced by planners.

On the one hand, the desire to preserve the county's landscape, which has been carefully preserved for generations. On the other is the desperate need for new homes.

Shropshire Council's Samdev plan, signed off just before Christmas, committed the council to approving 18,000 new homes over the next decade. Neighbouring Telford & Wrekin has committed to 15,555 new homes over the next 15 years.

But, if past experience is anything to go by, achieving these targets will not necessarily be plain sailing.

One of the reasons Shropshire needs so many homes is that only 9,500 were built in the district over the past 10 years. This



Campaigners want to protect Old Oswestry Hillfort

has caused it to fall behind an agreed target of 27,500 homes by 2026. If it is to meet the target, Shropshire district will need to double its house-building rate.

And, perhaps in recognition of the problem, the Government in February announced a shake-up of the planning process. Under proposals, now going out for consultation, developers will be able to pay extra for a passport-style "fast-track" application process.

More radical are plans which will also allow developers to choose which planning authority to submit their applications to.

Under the arrangement, the final decision would still be made locally, but local authorities would compete against one another to handle the administrative side of the process. There has even been the suggestion of private

companies being licensed to carry out the work.

Communities Secretary Greg Clark says: "Council planning departments play a vital role in getting local house-building off the ground, but for too long they have had no incentive to get things done quickly or better, resulting in drawn out applications and local frustration.

"These proposals will be a boost for housebuilders looking to build much-needed homes, and for local people looking to get a planning permission for home improvements through their local council quicker."

The proposed shake-up has not gone down well with Vernon Bushell, a Labour councillor from Shrewsbury who is chairman of Shropshire Council's central planning committee.

"I don't like it at all," he says.

"I don't know how they are going to run it, but I think it is best handled locally by our planning officers."

He foresees the difficulties coming through marginal cases, where an officer's local knowledge can be crucial in deciding how to proceed.

"Sometimes the officers will talk to the local councillors, they might say 'do you think this one should come to committee?' Our officers are great, this is just another example of Government interference, and I don't think it is for the best. It's all very well for the Government to say 'we want thousands of houses built here and here', but we have got a system that works."

Councillor Arthur Walpole who represents Llanymynech near Oswestry says he too has mixed thoughts about allowing other planning authorities to administer sensitive developments in the county.

"I'm all for more competition if it improves efficiency, but we also depend a lot on local knowledge," says Councillor Walpole.

"Well over 90 per cent of applications are decided by the officers under delegated powers, I don't know how that would work. It's an interesting one to debate, but I would want to see the response from the public."

In neighbouring Telford & Wrekin Council, there has been a fierce debate over the past few weeks regarding how many houses actually need to be built.

In February, leader of the opposition Conservative group Councillor Andrew Eade accused the Labour-run of inflating its housebuilding targets, saying the council's "Duty to Cooperate" report published in January stated that just 9,940 new homes were needed to meet local demand.

However, Labour's Councillor Richard Overton says the local plan has actually cut the number of new homes to be built in the borough by more than 40 per cent from when the Tories were in control, in 2010.

WORKING FOR YOU



Last week in Parliament, Shropshire MPs welcomed food and drink producers from across the county to Parliament for the Shropshire Day in Parliament. This gave me and my colleagues a chance to promote some of the produce grown and manufactured locally. North Shropshire was well represented by Belton Cheese, Gill's Puddings, Maynard's Farm and Story Drinks.

The event also served as a reminder of just how important our food and drink industry is to the UK economy. One in eight of the national workforce is employed in food and farming with Shropshire employing a significantly larger proportion of people than the average.

In 2015 the UK exported £18 billion of food and drink globally, thanks to the industry's robust traceability, rigorous production standards and top quality produce. The world's population already stands at over seven billion and is predicted to reach over nine billion by 2050. This presents an opportunity to increase production for the domestic and export markets and promote our world-class science and technology. When I was the Secretary of State I began the drive to improve the way public procurement policy operates for food and catering services so that it can contribute to a competitive UK food and farming sector. The public sector buys over £2.4 billion worth of food and drink and Government purchasers should be taking advantage of our top quality products. I am pleased therefore that the Government has launched the 'Plan for Public Procurement' which will open up a potential new market for British farmers worth £400 million and see central government commit to buying fresh, locally sourced and seasonal food from 2017. Thanks to the Government's support for apprenticeships, 7,000 young people started farming apprenticeships in 2014, with a further 3,700 in food manufacturing. I have been impressed by the way in which North Shropshire College has been tailoring its education programme to ensure that young people have the skills to fill local jobs and help the industry to grow.

As we approach the EU Referendum in June, I have been making the case for a strong food and farming industry outside of the EU. We are hampered by our membership of the Common Agricultural Policy which forces us to accept compromises which are at best deeply unsatisfactory and at worst actively damaging to UK farmers. A UK policy should encourage import substitution, the export of quality products and the Government should continue to direct public procurement towards UK producers.

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North Shropshire MP

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A: The government definition of domestic violence was changed recently to 'any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality'.

As it appears that you are a victim of domestic abuse you may qualify for legal aid to enable you to commence divorce and financial proceedings against your husband. An application could be made to the Court for an Order that your husband continue to support you and the children financially until the divorce proceedings have been finalised. It would be possible for you to also apply to the Court for an Occupation Order which could basically remove him from the home, but this may take some time and would usually not be awarded without your husband being given the opportunity of giving the Court his version of events.

If you genuinely fear your husband and believe he is emotionally harming the children with his behaviour you should seek advice from your local authority children services and also Women's Aid on 0808 2000 247 (England) 0808 8010 800 (Wales). They will listen to your concerns, signpost you to other organisations or lawyers that can help and may be able to arrange for you and your children to be temporarily placed in a refuge.

This question has been answered by Linda Hill, a Senior Solicitor with GHP Legal.

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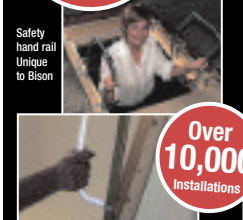
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But we should also consider the long view and the prospects for future generations in this country and elsewhere.

Western Europe has been at peace for 70

years and benefited hugely from cooperation and free trade.

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It isn't easy and the EU is flawed and needs to improve, but Brexit is not the answer.

It's time to take a long term civilized view, spend more on peace than war and persevere with the problems.

The European project is stalled but the problems can be solved if we work together.

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Cameron's claim on our border controls not true

CAMERON has said that our border in Calais could be moved to Dover if we leave the European Union - even though this is a bilateral treaty signed between France and ourselves with nothing to do with the EU.

This is pure scaremongering. The UK pays France millions of euros to beef up security in Calais and in return the French allow UK border authorities to check passports in the port before people board trains and ferries.

If the French can simply rip up a cast iron treaty that is already in force what's to stop them ripping up their mere promises to David Cameron on EU reform?

The millions of pounds the Government is currently spending funding the French police and building fences would be switched to giving frontline staff at the ferry and train embarkation points the best training and modern technology to prevent illegal migrants from making the crossing.

Which is no different from people arriving at Heathrow or Gatwick.

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Hillfort plans are vandalism

IF national treasures, such as Stonehenge and the Tower of London were disfigured you would expect the offenders to be arrested and named. So why are those in Shropshire Council, involved in the wanton destruction of our Oswestry Hillfort not named and shamed?

Anyone who condones the proposed planning, will not only be remembered by townspeople, but go down in history as vandals.

RAY JONES
Oswestry

Some facts about the UK before our EU membership

WILLIAM Hague may have been a former Tory party leader and even Foreign Secretary, but as far as Brexit is concerned he knows no more than anyone else and less than most.

William Hague was just 12-years-old when we joined the Common Market in 1973 therefore he has no adult memory of the times we ruled ourselves.

He was far too young to know that we enjoyed 10 times more democracy than we do today, that we had heavy and light industries, coal mining, shipbuilding and vehicle plants.

He will not know that we traded with the Commonwealth and the rest of the world at an excellent surplus - a surplus we have been unable to find over 43 years of trading in Europe.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Sight group meets for the first time

A NEW support group is being launched to help increase the confidence and independence of people affected by macular degeneration in Oswestry.

The Macular Society together with local people have organised the group, which will meet for the first time on April 15. The ongoing aim of the group will be to offer information, encouragement and friendship to people who are affected by the condition.

Age-related macular degeneration affects the central vision and is the most common cause of sight loss in the UK, affecting more than 600,000 people. More people are affected as the population ages.

The Macular Society is inviting anyone affected by the condition to attend the first group meeting which is taking place on April 15 at 2pm at The Qube on Oswald Road.

Following the first meeting the group will continue to meet on the third Friday of the month at The Qube.

Young farmers' rally organised

A DATE has been announced for an annual young farmers' club rally.

Montgomeryshire YFC County Rally, which is expected to attract more than 1,000 visitors, will this year take place on May 28 at The Drefor in Kerry, near Newtown.

The YFC rally is a competitions day, involving young farmers from across the county coming together to compete on behalf of their clubs in more than 40 competitive classes.

Competitions include woodwork, shearing, stock judging, cookery and floral art.

All YFC clubs in Montgomeryshire compete against each other for various awards and trophies.

Ex-MP is on the road to recovery after surgery

Report by Sally Williams

LEMBIT Opik has joked that he feels like The Terminator as he continues to recover from life-changing surgery that involved dislocating and reshaping his face.

And he revealed that he faces a tough five years as he faces up to a series of painful operations.

Lembit, who was Montgomeryshire's MP from 1997 to 2010, explained that the long and painful journey to facial surgery began 18 years ago, after he fell 30 metres from the sky to the ground, in a terrible paragliding accident in Mid Wales in 1998.

He said the run-up to the operation has taken three years, with frequent visits to the hospital and the whole intricate process is likely to take five years to complete in total.

Lembit said: "I'm still not completely recovered from the five-hour operation. They had to move my jaw 14 millimetres to the left and twist it up six millimetres – it was a 3D op. They basically dislocated the lower part of my face and reconnected it again with titanium plates. When I saw the X-ray, it looked like Terminator. It was a very audacious operation.

"I'm currently between two operations. "The second one isn't as big but it is still significant and sometime this summer, they will decide when the time is right.

"There are two more years of reconstruction after that, so the whole process will have taken five years.

"But this wasn't a cosmetic activity for me; I just couldn't eat properly. I have a soft, healthy diet. Raw fish is good and I spend a lot of time eating tomato soup."



Former Montgomeryshire MP Lembit Opik pictured after the operation which reshaped his face

Champion to bring his world trophy

CURRENT snooker world champion Stuart Bingham will be bringing the world championship trophy with him when he participates in a Celebration of Snooker exhibition.

The event, being held at Morda Village Hall Social Club, Weston Road, Morda, near Oswestry, on April 9, will be his last exhibition as world champion before going on to defend his title at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield a week later. This annual celebratory event has welcomed many snooker champions over the years including Steve Davis, Ricky Walden, Dennis Taylor, John Parrot and John Virgo, so the presence of Bingham this year will be a fitting end to the season for the Oswestry and District Billiards and Snooker League.

The current world number two will compete in a frame by frame competition against members of the league, overseen by former world professional snooker referee Michaela Tabb, before presenting trophies to the players.

Doors will open at 6.45pm and tickets are priced at £15 for the general public and £10 for registered league players.

For more information call Lee Gorton on 07553 379152.

Gig will raise cash for cancer charity

A GIG will be held at a village pub to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

Folk and acoustic live performer Jez Lowe will appear at the Last Inn in Hengoed, near Oswestry, on Friday next week.

Tickets cost £10, and are available from the Last Inn, or you can telephone (01691) 659747 or Annie Kerr on (01691) 659794. All proceeds from the show, which will start at 8pm, will go to the cancer charity.

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Applications for the scheme should be submitted via Aldi's recruitment website at www.aldiemployment.co.uk/apprentice

Tourism leaflets to be distributed

LEAFLETS encouraging people to visit Welshpool will be distributed across the region to boost tourism.

Welshpool Town Council will send leaflets to venues across the West Midlands, North and Mid Wales.

Funding has been allocated to the leaflets and a number of other community projects. The council has pledged to spend £1,520 on swing equipment at Little Henfaes Drive playground, as well as £400 to provide a new board listing the town's past mayors.

About £560 will be spent on the leaflets.

Oswestry Mobility aims to make your life easier



THE Oswestry and Border Chronicle's We Mean Business campaign celebrates Oswestry's businesses and champions the town's innovation. This week we celebrate Oswestry Mobility on Leg Street.

After 17 years of driving buses, Kim Tunnadine decided that it was time to change direction and fancied opening a shop.

But what to sell, that was the problem. Kim noted that Oswestry has an extensive range of shops, selling a wide variety of products, and the last thing he wanted to do was to tread on anyone's toes.

After a discussion with his girlfriend Pam Ingrey, a retiree and author, Pam suggested a mobility shop, having had the experience of previously setting up and running one in Welshpool with her late husband.

And so, on September 1 last year, Oswestry Mobility opened its doors.

The business stocks a wide range of scooters, wheelchairs, rolators and everyday living aids as well as a small selection of model kits that allow people to make life easier for themselves.

Kim said: "Opening Oswestry Mobility is the best thing I have ever done.

"At last, I have time to talk to the public and try to help them with their problems.

"I look forward to people coming into the shop for something specific, or just for a chat."

The shop is open from Monday to Fridays from 10am to 5.30pm and also open from 9.30am to 3.30pm on Saturdays.



Kim Tunnadine and Pamela Ingrey from Oswestry Mobility on Leg Street

NEWS IN BRIEF

Schools get share of buildings fund

SCHOOLS across the West Midlands are to receive a £62 million boost to improve their buildings, with 11 schools in Shropshire set to benefit.

The money will be shared out among 134 schools across the region, with 10 schools in Shropshire Council district benefiting from the investment announced by education secretary Nicky Morgan.

Woodside Primary School in Oswestry will get safety improvements and Lakelands Academy in Ellesmere will get works to help it comply with fire and health and safety requirements.

Mrs Morgan, who took over at the Department for Education in 2014, said the money was part of the Government's commitment to spreading educational excellence everywhere.

She said: "Every child should be taught in surroundings which allow them to fulfil their potential, and we have made significant investments in school buildings to ensure this happens."

Plans laid down for village show

ORGANISERS say plans are already under way for this year's 50th anniversary of Llanfechain Show.

The popular annual event will be held on the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Jester and the Animal Man will be returning to Llanfechain on Monday, August 31 for the event and there will be performances from Kaleidoscope Theatre.

Organisers say the Pigsfoot String Band will get feet tapping with their blue grass-style plus a bit of eccentricity.

Show competition highlights include a decorated 50th anniversary paper plate and a scarecrow.

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Weds 13 Apr 2016	14:00 – 17:00	Focus on Biomedical and Healthcare Sciences: Microbes - Fighting against Infection
Mon 18 Apr 2016	13:00 – 14:00	Revalidation for Trained Nurses
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Ramblers tackle a circular walk

HEATHER Smith led a group of 17 Welshpool Ramblers on an eight-mile circular walk from Rhydycroesau on March 20.

After a stiff ascent past Cyninon, the group circled round Coed Cochion to Pont Felin-Newydd, from where a few members returned directly to the starting point by road while the main group continued, picking up the Ll-wybr Ceiriog Trail and returning via Gally-y-Wrach.

Conditions underfoot were good and the weather fine, with the sun increasingly breaking through as the day progressed, making a most enjoyable walk.

The next Welshpool Ramblers walk will be on Sunday in the Kerry area. Sheila Turner will lead a moderate circular walk, passing the source of the River Teme, Cilfasty Hill, Med-walled and Radnorshire Gate.

Group's chairman leaves his role

THE annual meeting of the Welshpool & District University of the Third Age saw Matt Mathieson retire as chairman and the club elect Barbara Read to the post for the coming year.

There followed a talk by member Roger Brown.

Mr Brown spoke on the topic of "Welshpool and District in Art" both in prints and in paintings.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday next week at COWSHACC, Welshpool.

The meeting starts at 10.30am with coffee and biscuits available from 10am.

Prospective members are very welcome.

For further information contact Maryke Stansfield on (01938) 820828.

Volunteers help to give town a bit of a tidy-up

Report by Naomi Penrose

BAGS of rubbish have been disposed of and flowers were planted to help spruce up Welshpool ahead of the tourist season.

More than 20 volunteers took part in the third annual Keep Welshpool Tidy Week. In total, 34 bags of rubbish were collected from streets and green spaces in the town.

A number of community events held during the week, which ran from March 4 until March 13, were supported by Welshpool Town Council and Sue Newham from Keep Wales Tidy.

A litter pick organised by Welshpool Rotary Club, saw eight bags of rubbish collected from the Maes-y-Dre area.

Jane Dodds, Welsh Assembly Liberal Democrat candidate for Montgomeryshire, picked rubbish from the town's streets, helped by her Liberal Democrat colleagues.

Volunteers also worked with town council staff to plant about 150 wildflower plants in Dol-y-Felin.

Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust held its regular litter pick during the week and cleared 11 bags of rubbish from the sides of the A458, coming into Welshpool from the Newtown side.

On the community spring clean day – the final event of the week – organised by Welshpool Town Council, 14 bags of litter were collected by volunteers and town council staff collected a van load of fly tipping from around the town.

Robert Robinson, clerk to Welshpool Town Council, said: "This is the third year we've done this and it has been beneficial every year."

Singers present cash boost to charity



Shan Jones, Diana Gerrett, Maud Griffiths and Fleur Frantz-Morgans

KIND-HEARTED village singers have donated the proceeds from their Christmas concert to charity.

Before a recent Guilsfield Singers choir rehearsal, the group presented half of their Christmas proceeds to Montgomeryshire Family Crisis Centre. They presented £75 to the charity, which has been in existence for 35 years, helping both men and women who are victims of domestic abuse.

Chairman Diana Gerrett made the presentation, while Shan Jones from Montgomeryshire Family Crisis Centre told choir members about the work of the centre.

Maud Griffiths, vice chairman of the choir, and Fleur Frantz-Morgans from the family crisis centre were also in attendance.

Guilsfield Singers are currently rehearsing for their Easter concerts, which they will jointly perform with the Oswestry chamber choir, Cantones.

Performances are on April 9 at Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry, and April 16 at Welshpool Town Hall.

For more information visit www.guilsfieldsingers.org.uk

Groups lose out as grants cut hits home

ORGANISATIONS have lost thousands of pounds of council funding after community grants were cut.

Some Mid Wales groups will see their grants for 2016/17 reduced by 50 per cent while some others will see a 37 per cent cut and an agreed three-year service level agreement.

Large festivals and sports providers across the area will suffer the cuts. Gregynog Music Festival will receive £5,670 instead of £9,000 last year, and Machynlleth Tabernacle Trust will get £2,992 instead of £4,750, Llan-drindod Wells' Victorian Festival will receive £5,670 instead of £9,000, and Presteigne Festival will see a £18,000 cut with a grant of £31,014 instead of £49,230 the previous year.

Powys Sports Development Unit will receive £31,014 instead of £49,230 and Hay Festival will receive £6,930 instead of £11,000. Brecon Jazz will also lose about £3,000.

The cuts to grants were agreed by Powys County Council's cabinet at a meeting on Tuesday last week.

Councillor Avril York, the council's portfolio holder for regeneration, said the cuts will impact on many communities.

White roses stolen from outside shop

A BUNCH of white roses was stolen from outside a florists in Welshpool police have said.

Dyfed-Powys Police said the roses, valued at £10, are believed to have been taken from outside Serendipity Florists in Berriew Street, Welshpool, at around 9.10am on Monday last week.

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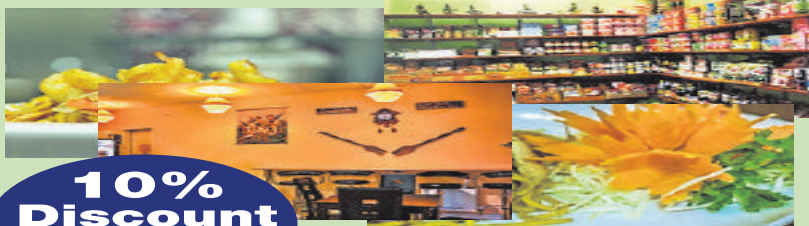
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Care project 'is flying' say officials

A PROJECT to reduce pressure on health and social care is "flying" in Oswestry, according to a council chief.

The Resilient Communities Project is aimed at keeping people away from formal social care and hospital for as long as possible by pointing them to services that exist in the community already, such as support groups, and social clubs.

Speaking to Oswestry Town Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee, Kate Garner, locality commissioning manager for Shropshire Council, said the project had made a "great start".

She said the project was important because the whole area is trying to tackle the "enormous challenge" of reducing the demand on health and social care.

"Its objective is to increase the level and quality of communication which is in place in the community," she said.

"The communication is around community activity and the service delivery to link up health and social care professionals to enable them to support the people they're working with."

Ms Garner said activities like social clubs, public events, and support services were largely based at central locations in the town.

The project's aim is to encourage people to use these free services that already exist, to minimise the need for formal social care.

Oswestry and Shropshire councillor Vince Hunt, who is leading the scheme locally, said: "I am a preventative person rather than a cure person. I don't want someone to need 18 hours of help per week. I want them to be able to help themselves.

"This isn't about taking away services but about enhancing their quality of life."

Police address roads issues

POLICE officers in the Oswestry area are cracking down on people using access only roads.

Oswestry Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team said it has received numerous concerns and complaints from residents who reside or live nearby roads in the area which are designated as access only.

The roads are Kimberley Lane and Clark's Lane in the village of St Martins near Oswestry.

A spokesman said: "Access only means vehicles are only permitted to use these roads if the vehicle/occupants using them are living, visiting or engaged in business at an address on the road.

"These roads are not to be used as short cuts.

"These roads have been long established and were put into use at a time when motor vehicles and problems associated with them were not a major consideration."

The spokesman added: "Kimberley Lane does not have a pavement for pedestrians.

"However over the years traffic has increased in size, volume and weight and the authorities have deemed it necessary to put access only restrictions in place to assist with traffic flow and protect the safety of those on foot."

Branch to host a musical evening

THE North Powys branch of NADFAS (National Association Of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies) is having a musical evening at The COWSHACC, Welshpool.

This is at the top of the Berriew Street car park, and parking is free after 6pm.

The date is April 15, at 7.30pm The entertainment will be provided by The Scholars and Gentlemen of the Choir in Past Tyme with Good Company – an Evening of Madrigals.

Tickets cost £10, to include a glass of wine and canapes. To purchase tickets telephone (01691) 658110 or (01938) 555938. There was a full house for the March lecture at the Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool. Speaker was Sarah Gathercole, who spoke about animals in art.

The April meeting is on April 28 at 2.30pm, when Fenella Bazin will give a talk 'The Vikings Abroad – How Norse Settlers Lived in the Isle of Man'. Non-members are welcome to attend, but a donation of £5 towards costs would be appreciated.

TV presenter lolo to support walks fundraiser



TV presenter lolo Williams is encouraging people to join him in the charity fundraiser

A TELEVISION star from Mid Wales who lost his father after a battle with Alzheimer's will walk the Welsh coastal path in his memory.

Wildlife presenter lolo Williams is calling on keen walkers to join him.

The walks along Welsh coastal paths, including Anglesey, will see 72 separate walks taking place on April 16.

Hundreds of people will be walking a total distance of 1,057 miles along the Welsh national coast path – including Offa's Dyke,

which goes along the Powys/Shropshire border.

Mr Williams, who was educated at Llanfyllin High School near Welshpool, said: "I admire the ambitious nature of this event around the beautiful coastline of Wales, plus it's a cause that is close to my heart.

"If you love walking, then please do sign up and help this team of volunteers raise vital funds for Alzheimer's Society.

"It would be a real achievement if we could walk the complete coastline in one day."



Wildlife expert lolo from Mid Wales is a familiar face on TV

Led by a team of volunteers, many with a personal connection to dementia, the walks will have a maximum of 12 participants in each.

Jeremy Hughes, chief executive officer for Alzheimer's Society said: "I am delighted the Welsh 1000 walk has chosen to raise vital funds for Alzheimer's Society.

"This ambitious fundraiser is run entirely by volunteers and we would love to see hundreds of people sign-up and walk a stretch of the beautiful Welsh coastal path, to help sup-

port the 850,000 people living with dementia in the UK."

There are currently 45,000 people living with dementia in Wales.

More than half have are yet to receive a formal diagnosis.

Dementia costs Welsh society £1.4bn per year.

To donate visit justgiving.com/thewelsh1000. You can follow the campaign on Twitter @theWelsh1000.

Truly British was theme of students' fashion show



Claire Hartnell's theme was Truly British



Thea Bates as The Lion King appeared at the fashion show at North Shropshire College

Report by Naomi Penrose

HAIR and beauty students at Oswestry's North Shropshire College have held their annual fashion show.

The show was attended by members of the public and funds were raised for Macmillan Cancer Care. The theme for this year's show was Truly British.

The British Ironwork Centre provided many sculptures and an archway to go over the catwalk.

The show allowed hair and beauty and hospitality and catering students to show off their skills.

Staff and students from various departments acted as models for the students.

Beauty lecturer Sam Humphreys said: "It was yet another success, the effort from the students added to the fantastic outcome.

"We are grateful to companies in Oswestry for providing prizes for the raffle which raised over £200 alone.

"Also, to Dorothy Perkins a huge thank you for allowing us to showcase the fashion they have in the Oswestry store, they are always hugely supportive.

"The fashion show benefits the students, helping them complete their qualifications and demonstrate working effectively as a team."

The food was provided by the level 3 hospitality and catering students.

Dan Tompson, hospitality and catering lecturer, said: "The level 3 hospitality and catering students developed the menu for the evening over a number of weeks.

"All of the dishes were 'deconstructed' meals whereby the components of the dish were presented separately on the plate. The dishes were chosen by the students, who had to take into consideration that they were cooking for 80 people."



Leanne Gough as the Queen of Hearts at the show



Casey Williams took inspiration from The Black Swan

Dig expert Matt to be the speaker

MATT Williams will speak on Digging for Britain as featured in the BBC4 series at the next meeting of a Shropshire archaeology group.

Mr Williams will address members of Oswestry & Border History and Archaeology Group at Oswestry Memorial Hall on Friday next week.

During his talk he will explain how programmes can take 18 months of preparation and a whole summer of digging, plus various museum and studio shoots. After all that there are three months of editing to make the series complete. He will reveal some of the tricks of the trade including how some of the sites get chosen plus the pitfalls and the opportunities that arise as making archaeology a subject for television.

Digging for Britain, which is co-presented by Mr Williams, recently returned to our screens and each programme looks at a different part of the country.

New members and visitors are very welcome at the society's meeting.

For full details of the group's lectures call in at Oswestry Library or contact the membership secretary on (01691) 653355.

Gallery to host live music event

THE next live music event at a town's gallery will be a vintage night on Saturday.

The FB Pocket Orchestra will perform hot jazz and blues at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry.

A spokesman for the gallery said: "This will be a highly entertaining evening featuring some excellent singing and musicianship. Vintage dress is optional, so search your wardrobes for feather boas and spats." The music will start at 8pm. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children. Contact the gallery for tickets on (01691) 657575.

New flowers initiative will boost hospice funds

Report by Thomas Morton

A CHARITY will sell metal flowers as a lasting tribute to loved ones as part of a new appeal.

The Severn Hospice's Forget Me Not Appeal is offering people the opportunity to buy a custom made forget-me-not flower in memory of friends and family.

The flowers, each measuring 17cm in diameter and 43cm in length, have been made by the Oswestry-based British Ironwork Centre.

As part of the appeal, 1,000 of the forget-me-nots will be on display at Shrewsbury Castle from April 12 to 18 and at Attingham Park in Atcham from April 25 to May 3. Clare Heath, nurse at Severn Hospice, said: "Memories are part of what makes life special and we hope our Forget Me Not Appeal will help our supporters remember and celebrate the lives of someone special to them."

"Each individual flower has been hand-made by the talented team at the British Ironwork Centre and will provide a lasting tribute to those who are no longer with us. As the flowers are made from steel they are suitable for use outside and would look beautiful in any garden or outdoor space."

"Anyone is welcome to purchase a flower - you don't have to have experienced the care of the hospice."

"The money raised from each flower purchased will enable our teams to be there when it matters most for the next person who needs our help."

The Severn Hospice forget me not flowers, priced £25 each, are available to buy via www.severnshospice.org.uk/forgetmenot

Flowers will be available from early May and can be collected from either hospice in Shrewsbury or Telford. Alternatively they can be sent directly to you for an additional cost of £5.95 per flower.



Staff nurse Clare Heath with some of the metal flowers made by Oswestry's British Ironwork Centre

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man is airlifted after road crash

A MAN was seriously injured in a crash on the Shropshire/Mid Wales border and had to be airlifted to hospital for emergency treatment, police said.

The driver of a Renault Scenic was airlifted to a specialist trauma centre following the accident.

The accident happened on the A495 Llansantffraid to Meifod road, at around 8.35am on Friday last week.

The car cleared a hedge and came to rest in a field.

The Welsh Ambulance Service said that one man was taken by air ambulance to the Royal Stoke University Hospital.

Road closures were put in place by the police.

Inspector Steve Thomas, of Dyfed-Powys Police, said: "Closures were put in place due to collision investigation work."

"Police are investigating a single vehicle road traffic collision involving a blue Renault Scenic that resulted in the driver being airlifted to hospital."

Search is on for rural champion

TIME is running out to enter NFU Cymru's Welsh Rural Community Champion Award, which recognises the vital role farmers play in their local community.

Applications are invited from all across Wales, from those farmers who use their spare time away from the farm to help their local community thrive.

The winner of the competition will receive £500 and two runners-up will get £100 each.

The closing date for entries is April 11.

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Eye care service fears as serious flaws reported

HEALTH commissioners say they have "great concerns" about an eye care service in Shropshire after more patients suffered avoidable damage to their eyes.

The Royal College of Ophthalmology was asked to carry out a review of the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust ophthalmology service last year following a series of serious incidents.

Seventeen serious incidents were investigated, including details about patients who had either a delayed diagnosis or delayed outpatient appointment.

Since then five more serious incidents have been reported, including two involving diagnostics.

The final report has been received by commissioners and the trust and an implementation plan has been agreed.

At a meeting of Shropshire CCG held in Shrewsbury, health bosses said they were concerned that the appropriate action needed was not being taken.

Linda Izquierdo, director of nursing, quality, patient safety and experience at Shropshire CCG, said: "The trust has verbally told us they are implemented the recommendations from the report but I haven't seen any proof of the actions that have been put in place.

"We want assurance they have acted."

Trio join the health board

HEALTHWATCH Shropshire has appointed three new board members to support its work as the county's independent health and social care champion.

They are Angela Saganowska, Steve Price and Anne Furness.

Angela Saganowska has worked within health and social care services for 30 years.

She said: "Good health and social care services, as well as integrated programmes to prevent ill health, can only be developed if decision makers actively listen to, engage and act upon local people's first hand experiences."

Steve Price has been a volunteer with Healthwatch Shropshire since 2014. He spent his professional life in the field of public health. His role for the majority of that time was as liaison officer between the local authority and the health authority, as it was then known.

Anne Furness spent the latter part of her career as a senior NHS manager. She joins the board with many years front-line and operational experience.

She has also worked in the health and social care sector of further education, preparing students for careers in this field.

Call for answers on 999 response

COUNCIL officials have demanded answers over what they say is the "deteriorating trend" in Shropshire's ambulance response times.

Ambulance chiefs have been asked to attend a meeting of Shropshire Council's Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee to explain what can be done to improve response times in the county.

Figures for the past year show West Midlands Ambulance Service failed to hit response targets for the most serious life-threatening incidents.

With a target of reaching 75 per cent of the most serious calls in eight minutes, only 65.6 per cent of the 1,256 Shropshire calls were answered in time.

The trust also fallen five per cent short in the Shropshire response time for the second most serious type of incidents.

Gerald Dakin, committee chairman, said he appreciated the difficulties with providing cover in a rural area, but wants to know what can be done to tackle the issue.

CCG appoints new clinical chairman

THE group that runs health services for Shropshire has appointed a new clinical chair.

Dr Julian Povey has taken over the role at Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group. It is the first time since the CCG became authorised in 2013 that the post has been held by a GP.

He was involved with the former Shropshire PCT from 2009, and the CCG from the early development stages in 2010.

Focus on Health

Council launches campaign website to garner support for Princess Royal Hospital



Campaign - Princess Royal Hospital

PEOPLE are being urged to pledge their support for Telford's Princess Royal Hospital - before health chiefs announce this summer a decision which could see key services stripped from the site.

Telford & Wrekin Council has launched the campaign #PRH4Me, with a new website going live this week where people can log on and share their stories in a bid to show how vital the hospital is to the people who use it.

Bosses say they hope the campaign will show how much public support there is for the PRH in the months leading up to July, when health chiefs are expected to announce their preferred choice for the location of A&E and other key services in Shropshire.

It is almost certain to result in relocation

of services at both the Princess Royal and the Royal Shrewsbury hospitals.

NHS Future Fit is currently carrying out a review of acute hospital services in Shrewsbury and Telford and Wrekin.

The purpose of the review is to determine where best to place hospital services while ensuring the financial sustainability of the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals Trust, which faces a growing financial deficit.

It is likely that some services will relocate from one site to another, however the preferred option that details these changes is not likely to be released until later this summer, with formal consultation due to begin before the end of the year.

The council came under fire from Shrews-

bury MP Daniel Kawczynski for using thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money to fund an A&E 4 PRH campaign last year.

But Councillor Richard Overton, cabinet member for public health at Telford & Wrekin Council, said this week: "The #PRH4Me campaign is not about saving the hospital or any services.

"This is about building up local support from people both in the borough and the many places outside for whom the Princess Royal is also their hospital and for us to show how valued the hospital is.

"We'll be out and about at events and venues across the borough over the next few months."

For further information, log on to the campaign website www.prh4me.co.uk

Services pledge to work together to tackle crisis

Report by Amy Downward

THEY are two services under intense pressure.

And this week West Midlands Ambulance Service and Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust pledged to work together to tackle a crisis that forcing patients to wait in ambulances for more than 30 minutes before being admitted.

A Freedom of Information request has revealed that half of all ambulances arriving at Telford's Princess Royal Hospital and Shrewsbury Royal Hospital are facing delays.

The problem comes from increasing difficulties being caused by a continual rise in demand from patients, both through 999 calls to the ambulance service and people attending A&E.

Simon Wright, chief executive at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, said: "It has been well reported that the NHS, both nationally and locally, has been incredibly busy in recent months.

"We've seen a 15 per cent increase in attendances at our A&E departments, which is a significant figure as our attendance levels over the course of a year are in excess of 100,000 people.

"With the support of our commissioners we've made improvements, such as the introduction of additional nurses to accept and support patients. This is better for patients and allows ambulance crews to return to the road more quickly.

"Around 50 per cent of patients brought into our A&E departments by ambulance need to be admitted for further care. We're working to ensure the remaining patients who don't need to be admitted are taken to the most appropriate place to be seen or treated rather than face an unnecessary trip to A&E.

Solutions

"We know that too many people are attending hospital for urgent care when there may be somewhere more appropriate, and of those who need to be admitted too many are facing delays before they can be discharged from hospital to allow them to return home or move into a more appropriate care setting.

"The trust is working with the national Emergency Care Improvement Programme (ECIP) and is also building on learning from our partnership with the Virginia Mason Institute in Seattle as well as from other acute trusts in England to ensure all opportunities for improvement are being taken. We will continue to work hard with partner organisations, including West Midlands Ambulance Service, to reduce delays for ambulance crews."

Chris Kowalik, of West Midlands Ambulance Service, said: "The trust has seen an increase in delays handing patients over to both hospitals. Delays such as these mean that if ambulances have to wait to offload patients, they are then not available to respond to other 999 calls. The trust continues to work closely with the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust to find solutions to the delays in patient handover."

The revelation about delays came as council officials demand answers over what they say is the "deteriorating trend" in Shropshire's ambulance response times.

Ambulance chiefs must attend a meeting of Shropshire Council's Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee to explain what can be done to improve the situation.



Health chiefs estimate that just half of people arriving to A&E by ambulance need to be admitted for emergency care



January was the busiest month of the past year at PRH



Last month was particularly busy at the Royal Shrewsbury



A French soldier has a smoke ahead of the recreation of the battle



The British prepare to fire on the enemy at Whittington Castle



An officer prepares to give orders during the siege of Badajoz



It's action stations as the historic battle intensifies at Whittington Castle. Photos: John Sambrooks.

Badajoz battle is remembered

WHILE some were hunting for Easter eggs at one of Shropshire's medieval castles, others were recreating one of the bloodiest battles of the 19th century.

The Napoleonic Wars came to the Oswestry area over the Easter bank holiday weekend as multiple historical re-enactment groups got together kitted out in the uniforms of the French, Portuguese and English and battled like it was 1812.

They were there to re-enact the siege of Badajoz, Spain, 2,300 miles away from Whittington Castle where this weekend's more family-friendly version of the battle was acted out by the history enthusiasts.

Re-enactment group the 5/60th Rifles, which has been staging events at the Whittington castle for about three years, chose the notorious siege due to a local link – the French commander

Report by Naomi Penrose

of the garrison at Badajoz, Armand Phillipon, was captured after the siege and transported to Oswestry.

He stayed until July 1812, before he broke his parole along with another French officer and was smuggled back to France with the help of a few locals.

The siege itself was a fight between Napoleon's forces in Badajoz and an English and Portuguese allied force led by General Arthur Wellesley – later known as the Duke of Wellington – who laid siege to the town to force their surrender.

At Whittington visitors were able to stroll through both the allied and French living history camps. They were able to witness the troops preparing for battle, cleaning their weapons, shoring up defences, practising drill and cooking rations. There was a surgeon on hand in the French camp to show how wounds were treated and limbs amputated. The siege itself featured wooden scaling ladders, ropes and grappling hooks, wooden palisades, lots of gun-powder and even pyrotechnic mines.



The troops chat about tactics ahead of the battle



Troops put their best foot forward at Whittington Castle



A French soldier gets some refreshment during the historic siege

Puzzled by party walls, muck and flashing?



Do you know what a course or a closer is?

ARE you tired of not understanding what your builder means with their 'builder banter' and technical terms? NHBC, the warranty provider for new homes in the UK, has created this handy list to help you better understand and translate builder's jargon whether you're visiting a show home or appointing a builder:

Chippy: Not the local fish and chip shop, but a slang term used for anyone who works with wood, such as a joiner or a carpenter.

Closer: A brick that been cut in half lengthways.

Courses: AKA as a 'course of bricks' a single horizontal row of bricks.

Dot and Dab: A term used for dry lining (gluing plaster boards to masonry walls).

First fix: If your builder talks about the first fix, they mean everything undertaken before plastering walls and ceiling, such as installation of wires, pipes etc.

Flashing: A metal sheet that waterproofs junctions, such as between a wall and a roof.

Gable: This translates into the triangular upper part of a wall that supports a pitched roof.

Herringbone: It's that zigzag pattern of brickwork that is popular for driveways and patios.

Jamb: Proper word for the side of an opening in a wall that is for a door or a window.

Joist: The right terminology to describe a beam (a long, sturdy piece of squared timber or metal) supporting a floor or ceiling.

Make good: Simply means to repair the plaster and paintwork after some form of interior construction work.

Muck: Slang term used for sand and cement mortar.

Party wall: A wall that separates properties, such as in terraced houses.

Purlin: A horizontal timber or steel beam halfway up a roof that gives extra support.

Reveal: Refers to the vertical side of a window or door.

Screed: Is the correct term to describe a layer of sand/cement that provides a smooth finish to the floor.

Second fix: All the jobs completed after plastering is finished.

Skim: The last coat of plaster.

Sparky: Term to describe an electrician.

Stack: Means the vertical waste pipe from sinks and toilets.

TRV: Otherwise known as the thermostatic radiator valve.

NHBC head of house building standards Mark Jones said: "Communication between a homeowner and a builder is extremely important, if people cannot understand what is being discussed, the possibility of making mistakes increases and can affect the progress of a project."

"Our team of technical experts regularly receive queries from homeowners trying to decipher builder jargon. This list defines some of the terms used in new home construction, repair and maintenance, providing a quick reference for homeowners."

Test your builder jargon with a new quiz at www.buzzfeed.com/nhbc/test-your-builder-jargon-27jqx

Spring clean? Give your security the once-over too

Report by Simon Stone

ACCORDING to research, the average spring clean takes us Brits 16 hours and 20 minutes, spread over four days.

But aside from sorting cupboards and scrubbing floors, the annual spring clean is the perfect opportunity to undertake a quick and simple home security audit, just to ensure that your property is as secure as can be.

With that in mind, the security specialists at Yale have put together their top ten tips for anyone thinking of sprucing up their home security this springtime.

1. Check your front door security. Update your letterplate to avoid fishing crime, and check any door viewers and chains are in good working order.

2. Replacing the lock cylinder is an effective and easy way of making your home secure, without having to change the entire lock or door. Always opt for British Standard versions.

3. Consider fitting a smart lock to your front door. They can allow you to access your home remotely, by PIN code, keyfob, keycard, keytag, or even a smartphone.

4. Ensure all your windows are fitted with at least one appropriate lock, especially ground floor windows which have the potential to be accessed easily.

5. Check your home alarm is still in good working order, or invest in one if your home is currently unprotected. Yale's easy-to-fit home alarms start from as little as £100 and can be installed in an afternoon.

6. To protect yourself from identity theft, important documents, passports and other valuables should be stored in a home safe, bolted securely to the floor or wall.

7. If you have a side gate to your back garden secure it using a weatherproof padlock and hasp to deter thieves from gaining access.

8. Secure valuables in your shed using an anchor and hasp. Also consider securing items such as ladders and tools, which a burglar could use to gain access to your home.

9. Consider fitting a CCTV system; they allow you to keep a careful eye on your home and its boundaries while you are away and recorded footage can be supplied to the police in the event of a break-in.

10. Opportunist thieves can even use wheelie bins to gain access to your home. Move them out of view if possible and away from any flat roofs or window ledges.

Yale security products are available from local locksmiths or from many large retailers and hardware stores in the area.

For more home security advice, or to learn about the full range of security solutions from Yale, visit www.yale.co.uk or call 01902 364606.

Professional

Meanwhile, with Home Improvement Month set to take place in April, new figures reveal that eight in ten Brits would rather do DIY than hire a professional.

The same survey shows that 85 per cent would rather do the decorating themselves than hire a professional and a quarter (25 per cent) of us admit to judging the appearance of people's homes.

There are many different pros and cons to doing DIY yourself. The increasing cost of professionals combined with the easy access to purchasing your own DIY equipment mean it's never been easier to spruce up your home yourself.

Here are some top tips to make the best out of Doing It Yourself, making small improvements to your home in the best ways you can:

Small Storage Solutions

Storage can often be a problem, particularly if you live in a small house or flat. You have to be imaginative when making the most out of your home. Dead space underneath stairs can often be a good area to begin; you can add shelves, shoe racks or even a desk for a mini home office.

Living Things Up

This can be a really easy way to liven up a kitchen or living area. Plants and flowers can be a cheap way to add a splash of colour to your home. A miniature herb garden is an easy way to utilise small spaces in the kitchen. Chilli plants, Lemon grass, Thyme and Oregano are all extremely easy and low maintenance to grow. A top tip is to purchase plants that haven't already been growing outside.

Garden

Giving the garden a good clear out is one



If you're planning a spring clean this Easter, it's the perfect time to overhaul your home security measures too



Fitting a house alarm is an excellent deterrent

of the best ways to improve your home. A recent study by National Gardening Gift Vouchers found that 72 per cent of us believe that a presentable garden adds value to a home – so it is well worth a go. A shed can now also be easily to build yourself and readily available. They are available in all different shapes and sizes, so no matter how small your garden, a small shed or storage space can add new dimensions to your outdoor space.

Reviving Old Furniture

Updating your furniture can seem daunting. It can be tempting to go out and buy completely new furniture however sometimes it's easier to look a bit closer to home. Renovating your own furniture can be cheap and easy. An old, worn, wooden chest of drawers can be instantly improved with a lick of paint and some new handles.

Painting

There's no better way of refreshing your home than a quick lick of paint. To give your living spaces a quick and clean update,



CCTV will keep an eye on your property round the clock

make sure you buy a good quality paint that is an exact (or close) match to your original colour, this way you avoid doing a fully fledged redecorate.

Home Improvement Month (April 1-30) aims to inspire, educate and empower the UK to make the most of their homes.

A spokesman said: "This April, choose a room in your home to start a Home Improvement Revolution. This is your chance to finally take on that project, see it through and feel proud of the results."

Property

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Livestock and arable farm on the market for £1.1 million

A 90-acre livestock and arable farm on the Powys-Shropshire border is on the market for a guide price of £1.1 million and expected to appeal to a wide range of prospective buyers. Penrhos Farm, Penrhos, Llanymynech, near Oswestry comprises a four bedroomed farmhouse, extensive range of modern and traditional farm buildings and pasture and arable land extending to around 89.78 acres.

One of the traditional farm buildings, a cowshed and dairy, has planning consent for conversion to a residential unit. The farm is available as a whole or in three lots. Viewing is by appointment with Halls, Welshpool on 01938 555552.

Attractive property is well maintained

An attractive and well maintained detached cottage-style property with a range of outbuildings, Oakfields in Llandrinio is set in gardens and grounds extending to approximately 2.75 acres. It is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £445,000.

The well laid out accommodation includes four reception rooms, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen and utility on the ground floor, three bedrooms and two bathrooms on the first floor. Outside is a useful two storey brick built outbuilding at present used as stables and storage but capable of

utilisation for a variety of uses, ample on-site secure parking areas, landscaped gardens and an adjoining paddock and orchard.

In more detail the conservatory has tiled flooring and there is a WC. The kitchen/utility has ceramic floor tiling and an extensive range of units. The hallway has a fireplace with an inglenook-style surround, a beamed ceiling and an under-stairs storage cupboard.

The dining room has a beamed ceiling and bay window overlooking the gardens. The lounge is triple aspect having a brick fireplace housing a

wood burning stove. The study over looks the rear grounds. A balustraded staircase rises from the hall to the first floor split landing. The master bedroom has built-in wardrobes, as does bedrooms two and three, which also overlooks the gardens. The bathroom is fitted with a three piece suite including a bath with a mixer shower, while the second bathroom has a suite with a bath. Outside vehicular access is available off Gwernowddy Lane and leads to a gravelled approach. Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 or visit www.morrismarshall.co.uk



Spacious detached home sits in an attractive position

A spacious detached bungalow, 17 Park Drive in Oswestry, is situated in a popular residential area. The property is for sale through JJ Dell&Co with a guide price of £294,950 and there is no chain. The home occupies an attractive position overlooking the town and it is within walking distance of the town's amenities. The property benefits from central heating and double glazing. There is a kitchen, dining room, lounge, three bedrooms and a bathroom. In addition one of the bedrooms benefits from an ensuite bathroom. The property also has a conservatory, a utility and a good size garden plot. The home is approached over a tarmac drive providing ample car parking and turning area. There are also useful timber and felt store sheds and a good size rear patio area. For more information contact JJ Dell&Co on 01691 653437 and 01691 680212.



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NO CHAIN DETACHED HOUSE

Sycamore Close, St Martins



This three bedroom detached house is situated in a pleasant cul de sac location within a popular village. The property offers spacious accommodation with a garage but is in need of modernisation throughout. Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen Dining Room, First Floor Landing, Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three, Bathroom, Garage, Gardens and Parking. Double glazed and combination boiler serving partial central heating.

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NO CHAIN 3 BEDROOMS

Prince Charles Road, Oswestry



This three bedroom semi detached family home is situated in a most convenient location on a bus route. Offering spacious accommodation which is in need of some updating but does have the benefit of UPVC double glazing. Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen Breakfast Room, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Gardens to Front and Rear, Parking.

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3 BEDROOMS

Lime Grove, Oswestry



This semi detached property offers spacious accommodation and would be an ideal first time or investment purchase. Benefiting from gas fired central heating and UPVC double glazing (where stated). This property must be viewed to be appreciated. The accommodation comprises: Reception Hall, Sitting Room, Living Room, Kitchen, Utility Room with Cloakroom, Workshop/Store, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gardens to Front and Rear, Parking.

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NO CHAIN WONDERFUL HOUSE

Mill House, Llanfyllin



Once known as the 'Best mill in the district', this former mill now provides a lovely family home which comprises: Entrance Lobby, Kitchen, Utility, Dining Room/Sitting Room, First Floor Landing, Bathroom, Bedroom One with Dressing Room, Four Further Bedrooms, Laundry Room, Shower Room, Parking Forecourt, Gardens Extending to Approx 0.20 of an acre including some woodland and river frontage.

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NO CHAIN VILLAGE PROPERTY

Park Cottage, Selattyn



This detached family home is situated in a central location within this most popular England - Wales border village. Designed sympathetically and built to a high standard, this property comprises: Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Study, Dining Room, Superb Lounge, Conservatory, Kitchen, Breakfast Room, Utility, Master Bedroom with Ensuite and Dressing Area, Three further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Garage, Parking, Gardens to Front and Rear.

Price: £350,000

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NO CHAIN DETACHED COTTAGE

Gerynant, Hirnant



Located in the foothills of the Berwyn Mountains, in the sleepy hamlet of Hirnant next to the Clochnant Stream. This detached country cottage is in need of some updating but offers character and charm throughout and glorious views to the hills. Entrance Hall, Inner Hall, Living Room, Kitchen, Utility/Boot Room, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gardens to Front and Rear.

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HOUSE AND ANNEXE

Sarnau Farm, Sarnau



A most appealing four bedroom barn conversion with a two bedroom annexe and detached workshop. Situated in a pleasant rural location with glorious views to the rear. The main house offers spacious accommodation with wonderful lounge, dining room, snug, farmhouse kitchen, four bedrooms and two bathrooms. The self contained annexe offers open plan accommodation with kitchen and lounge, two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Externally, double garage, parking, workshop.

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DETACHED HOUSE

Pleasant View, Weston Rhyn



This detached three bedroom family home is south facing and is situated in a pleasant cul de sac location within a popular village. On a generous size plot with generous gardens and garage. The property benefits from UPVC double glazing and the accommodation comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Half Landing, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate WC, Gardens to Front, Side & Rear, Parking, Garage.

Price: £172,500

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NO CHAIN 3 DOUBLE BEDROOMS

Upper Church Street, Oswestry



This deceptively spacious Victorian town house offers spacious accommodation over three floors and is situated a short walk from Oswestry Town Centre. The property retains many original features, is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing. The accommodation comprises: Lounge, Kitchen Dining Room, Utility Room, Cellar, Landing, Bedroom One, Bathroom, Second Floor Landing, Two further Double Bedrooms, Enclosed Rear Garden.

Price: £149,950

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NO CHAIN LUXURY BUNGALOW

Findon Drive, Oswestry



A luxury detached three bedroom bungalow situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Fitted to a very high specification throughout with granite floors and solid oak doors which are key features. Reception Hall, Kitchen opening into Dining Room, Large Conservatory, Lounge, Utility Room, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Store Room/Former Garage. Warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing. Available with NO CHAIN.

Price: £244,950

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NO CHAIN LOVELY HOUSE

Greystone Court, Oswestry



This handsome property is charming and elegant, situated in a most convenient location within walking distance to Oswestry Town. This property offers a slice of grandeur with its own walled courtyard and elegant reception rooms. The accommodation comprises: Elegant Reception Hall, Drawing Room, Sitting Room, Kitchen Dining Room, Utility Room, Cloakroom, Cellar, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Courtyard Garden, Gardens, Garage, Parking.

Price: £279,950

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NO CHAIN HOUSE WITH LAND

Magnolia Cottage, Hengoed



A wonderful opportunity to purchase a detached cottage situated in a rural location with open country views and with 2 acres of pasture land. The spacious accommodation is bright and airy throughout and must be viewed to be truly appreciated. Reception Hall, Lounge, Family Room, Kitchen, Dining Room, Utility, WC, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Three further Bedrooms, Bathroom, 2 Acres of Grounds, Double Garage, Parking.

Price: £495,000

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TOWN HOUSE

Victoria Street, Oswestry



This two double bedroom town house is situated in an established and sought after area of Oswestry. This Victorian terrace offers two reception rooms, lovely kitchen which opens through to a sun room/utility, two double bedrooms and four piece suite bathroom, on street parking and gardens. Recently installed gas fired combination boiler and benefits from UPVC double glazing.

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Detached family home is in a popular location

Orchard House, Maesbury Marsh is a five bedroom detached family home that was built six years ago in a popular village location. It is for sale through Woodhead Sales & Lettings with a guide price of £374,950. Having enviable surrounding views of the open countryside, there are three reception rooms, a utility room, a downstairs WC, oil central heating, UPVC double glazing, double garage, off road parking and front and rear gardens. The entrance hall has under-floor heating and stairs off. The living room has under-floor heating, as does the dining room. There is a further study with under-floor heating and a WC. The kitchen/breakfast room has tiled flooring. There is also a conservatory, a utility, five bedrooms and a bathroom. For details contact Woodhead Sales and Lettings on 01691 680044.



Well presented property has three bedrooms

A beautifully presented three bedroom detached family home, 32 Llwyn Perthi, Arddleen, is on the market through Halls for £179,995. The property is on a good-sized plot on a small residential estate. It benefits from oil-fired central heating and double glazing, and comprises an entrance hall with doors off to a cloakroom, lounge with bay window, and the open-plan kitchen/breakfast room with utility room off. Upstairs there is a master bedroom with en-suite shower room, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom. A staircase from the entrance hall leads up to the first floor landing with doors off to the master bedroom with en-suite shower room, two further bedrooms and the family bathroom. More information from Halls on 01938 555552.



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Property within walking distance of town centre

An attractive Victorian end-of-terrace house with loft room, 16 Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry is on the market through JJ Dell & Co for offers over £124,950. The property is within walking distance of Oswestry's shopping centre.

The home has gas central heating. Accommodation comprises two reception rooms, dining kitchen, two bedrooms, modern bathroom and loft room. The property is set back from the road with a small walled front garden. Enclosed rear garden is principally laid to lawn. There is a shared pedestrian access to the rear. The property is within walking distance of Woodside Primary School. For more information Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.



Cottage has delightful landscaped gardens

An appealing and spacious country cottage with delightful landscaped gardens in an unspoilt rural location, is on offer with agents Halls for £375,000. Bank House, Plassey, Kinnerley, near Oswestry offers well-proportioned accommodation, which was extended some years ago, and will appeal to a wide range of buyers, including families and retired couples. The ground floor includes a reception hall, generously sized lounge with a log burner, fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, utility/rear entrance, separate WC, versatile dining or living room with French doors to the garden and a splendid study, which features a wonderful old bread oven.

On the first floor there are four bedrooms, which are served by a bathroom, which incorporates a separate shower cubicle. Viewing is by appointment with Halls on 01743 236444.



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CHARTERED SURVEYORS

GOBOWEN

- Attractive Semi-Det. House
- Edge Of Village Location
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Car Port
- Driveway & Parking
- EPC Band - D

JJD909

NO CHAIN £182,500

GOBOWEN

- Well Appointed Four Bed. Det. Family House
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen Utility Cloakroom
- Master Bed. En-Suite
- Garage And Car Parking
- Cul De Sac Location
- Backing Onto Open Fields
- EPC Band - C

JJD896

NO CHAIN £244,995

OSWESTRY

- Modern Semi-Detached House
- Ideal FTB or Buy To Let
- Convenient for local facilities
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen
- Living Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Ample Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens
- EPC Band - D

JJD912

£118,500

GOBOWEN

- One Bed. Close Care Residential Bungalow
- Attractive Purpose Built Complex
- CH & DG
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Bathroom
- Rear Enclosed Paved Yard
- Visitor Overnight Accommodation Available
- EPC Band - E

JJD908

£74,950

WEST FELTON

- Well Appointed Three Bed. Detached House
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Living Room
- Dining Kitchen
- Cloakroom & Utility
- Conservatory
- Two En-Suites
- Garage & Parking
- Attractive South Facing Rear Garden
- Backing Onto Open Fields
- EPC Band - C

JJD910

GUIDE PRICE £280,000

OSWESTRY

- Spacious Detached Family House
- Attractive Residential Area
- Convenient For Town's Shopping Centre
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Living Room & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility & Cloakroom
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Master Bedroom En-Suite
- Garage & Ample Car Parking
- Corner Plot
- EPC Band - D

JJD911

£299,995

TREFONEN

- Most Attractive Village Property
- Large Garden And Paddock
- Uninterrupted South Facing Aspect
- Cloakroom
- Sitting Room And Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Side Entrance/Utility
- Four Beds (Master Bed. En Suite)
- Workshop, Double Garage, Outbuilding
- EPC Band F

JJD900

GUIDE PRICE £450,000

PORTH-Y-WAEN

- Exceptionally Well Appointed Country Property
- Central Heating & D/ Glazing
- 2 Good Sized Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 3 Beds
- En-suite
- Bathroom
- Double Garaging and Workshop
- Attractive Garden And Small Paddock
- EPC Band E

JJD749

£274,500

OSWESTRY

- Spacious Detached Bungalow
- Attractive Position Overlooking Town
- CH & D/G
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Lounge
- Three Bedrooms (One En Suite)
- Conservatory
- Utility
- Good Sized Garden Plot
- EPC Band D

JJD902

GUIDE PRICE £294,950

OSWESTRY

- Semi-Det. Bungalow with views overlooking Town
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Kitchen
- Living Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front And Rear Garden
- Summer House And Store Room
- EPC Band - Awaited

JJD906

GUIDE PRICE £134,500

OSWESTRY

- Two Bed. Penthouse Apartment
- Ideal FTB or Buy To Let
- GFCH & Partial upvc DG
- Entrance Lobby
- Galley Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Sitting Room & Dining Room
- Lounge
- Master Bedroom En-Suite
- Outside Studio Room & Sun Terrace
- EPC Band E

JJD895

GUIDE PRICE £130,000

OSWESTRY

- Recently Refurbished End Terrace House
- Walking Distance Of Town Centre And Woodside Primary School
- GFCH & PVC D/G
- Living Room
- New Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- New Bathroom
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Store Shed
- EPC Band - D

JJD888

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AUCTION

6 King Street, Oswestry. GUIDE PRICE £63,000
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End terrace town house. Two receptions and fitted kitchen. Two bedrooms and fitted bathroom. Gas fired central heating. UPVC double glazing. Rear yard and store. Cash Buyers Only - ideal investment. EPC Rating = 44 (E)

Oswestry Office 01691 679595


2 Broadlands Way, Oswestry £259,950

Recently re-furnished detached house. Three reception rooms and conservatory. Fitted kitchen/breakfast room. Master bedroom and en-suite shower. Three further bedrooms and family bathroom. Attached single garage and large corner plot. Gas-fired central heating, double glazing. EPC Rating = 63 (D)

Oswestry Office 01691 679595


9 Plas Newydd Close, Oswestry £189,995

Three bedroom detached house. Thru' lounge / diner and fitted kitchen. Master bedroom with en-suite shower. Utility lobby and downstairs cloaks. Rear garden laid for ease of maintenance. Double glazing and gas central heating. Walking distance of town centre. EPC Rating = 62 (D). No Chain

Oswestry Office 01691 679595


Oakwood Grange, Morda - Prices From: £123,950

BRAND NEW!! Two/Three bedroom houses to be constructed on a small residential development of just 24 plots. Located on the edge of the village. PLEASE NOTE: The illustration is an artist's impression of a similar style house and is not the actual property. Anticipated completion late summer 2016. Predicted EPC = B. Reservations now being taken, contact us for further information.

Oswestry Office 01691 679595

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OSWESTRY**

Self-Cont G/F Bedsit, FTE, No Pets, (EER=25) (£340 dep)£240 pcm

1 Bed 1st/F Flat, FTE, No Pets, (EER=60) (£375 dep)£275 pcm

1 Bed 1st/ Floor Flat, FTE, No Pets, (EER=68) (£430 dep).....£330 pcm

3 Bed 1st/F Flat, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets, (EER=61)(£500 dep) ..£500 pcm

4 Bed Det, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets, (EER=60)(£850 dep)£735 pcm

GOBOWEN

1 Bed Open Plan Flat. FTE, No Pets, (EER=68) (£350 dep)£250 pcm

WEST FELTON

2 Bed end terr, Oil C/H, FTE, No Pets (EER 67) (£525 dep)£425 pcm

ELLESMERE

3 Bed Barn, Oil C/H, FTE, No Pets, (EER=21) (£850 dep).....£750 pcm

LLANFYLLIN

2 Bed Mid-Terr, Gas C/H, FTE, (EER=77) (£495 dep)£395 pcm

Fees: Application Fee: £40. Lease Fee: £150


Troed Y Rhiw, Westwood Rd, Welshpool £240,000

4 bedroom detached Town property. Entrance hall, Kitchen, Dining room. Living room, conservatory and utility. 4 double bedrooms, family bathroom. Fully double glazed and gas central heating. Ample on site parking with integral garage. Situated in prime Town location. Energy efficiency rating = 70

Welshpool Office 01938 554818


Gwynfa, Salop Road, Welshpool £199,950

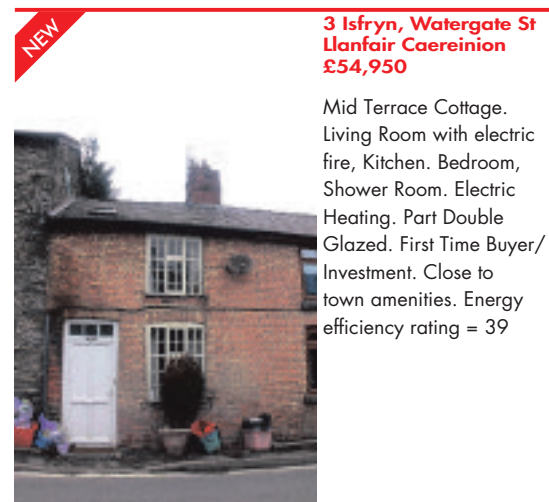
Spacious Semi-Detached House. Early 20th Century Construction. 3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Separate W.C. First Floor Sitting Room/Bedroom. 4 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom. Gas heating. Primarily double glazed. Vehicular Access and parking. Front garden. Rear garden. Would benefit from some internal refitting. Energy efficiency rating = 39

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Welshpool Social Club, Brook St, Welshpool £180,000

Prominent Social Club within the town. Large Bar with seating. Spacious Function Room with stage. Dining Room and Kitchen. Snooker Room, Ground Floor Cellar. Parking to front. Brick built in the mid 1960's. Suitable for a variety of purposes subject to planning. Energy efficiency rating = 74

Welshpool Office 01938 554818


3 Isfryn, Watgate St Llanfair Caereinion £54,950

Mid Terrace Cottage. Living Room with electric fire, Kitchen. Bedroom, Shower Room. Electric Heating. Part Double Glazed. First Time Buyer/ Investment. Close to town amenities. Energy efficiency rating = 39

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New build is in the heart of picturesque valley

One of two new build properties in the heart of The Ceiriog Valley, Plot 1 New Houses, Dolywern, is for sale through Town & Country at £279,950. The property comprises an entrance hallway with a staircase off, a kitchen/breakfast room a good sized living room and a separate dining room with French doors out to a patio. The kitchen is fitted with a Burford cream kitchen base and wall units with complimentary tiling and work surfaces. There is a square bay window to the front. The property also has an utility, four bedrooms, master en suite, and a family bathroom. Each property has its own detached single garage with driveway providing parking for several cars and good sized rear gardens. For further information contact Town & Country on 01691 679631 or visit www.townandcountryoswestry.com



Listed property in village has six bedrooms

A listed six bedroom village property, Street House, Llandysilio near Four Crosses, has been renovated and is set in a large garden plot with a range of useful outbuildings. The property is on the market through JJ Dell & Co and has a guide price of £425,000. The home is a three storey detached residence offering spacious and adaptable accommodation and has the benefit of secondary double glazing and oil fired central heating. The property has an entrance porch, entrance hall, cellar, breakfast kitchen, utility, cloakroom and conservatory. There is also a dining room, living room, sitting room and snug. On the first floor there are three bedrooms and a bathroom and on the second floor there are a further three bedrooms and another bathroom. The property has its own private gravelled driveway, a large garden, two greenhouses, a barn/double garage, stable/store and a garage. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212 for details.



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Castle Street Oswestry £105,000

- A deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom End Terrace House
- The property contains a host of original features
- Including stripped floors, brick feature walls and exposed beams.
- Entrance Hall, Living Room and Kitchen
- 2 good size Bedrooms, Bathroom and additional Attic Room
- Slabbed area to the front.
- Gas fired central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating



Fitzalan Road Oswestry £139,995

- Spacious 3 Bedroom End of Terrace Property set on a corner plot
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge
- Dining Room, Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms (2 of which are double) and Family Bathroom
- Private gardens extending to the front, side and rear.
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating E



Telford Avenue Chirk Bank £204,995

- A deceptively spacious 4 Bedroom Detached Dormer Bungalow
- In an excellent position on the edge of the popular village of Chirk Bank.
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room,
- 2 Ground Floor Bedrooms and Bathroom
- 2 First Floor Bedrooms and Shower Room.
- Well maintained gardens, large driveway and garage
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating D



Jasmine Gardens Oswestry £167,500

- NO CHAIN -
- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Detached Modern 2 Bedroom Bungalow situated in a popular location
- Entrance Hall, L shaped Sitting/Dining Room, Kitchen
- 2 excellent Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Double glazing, gas central heating. EPC Rating D
- Ornamental front garden with a delightful enclosed rear garden with patio



Station Road Llanyrnech £99,995

- A spacious FREEHOLD 3 Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Situated in the heart of the popular village of Llanyrnech
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Off road parking, lawn and courtyard area
- Double glazing is installed throughout.
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY, BUY TO LET OR RETIREMENT HOME.



Laburnum Drive Oswestry £136,995

- A deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Maintained to a high standard throughout
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Utility & Cloaks
- 3 good size Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom.
- A large enclosed rear garden, further lawned garden and driveway
- Gas central heating and double glazing are installed throughout



Ardmillan Close Oswestry £215,000

- A rare opportunity to purchase a Detached 4 Bedroom Bungalow
- Maintained to a high standard throughout
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom 4/Dining Room,
- 3 further Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- Good size rear garden including patio area,
- Enclosed lawn and a long driveway leading to a single garage.
- Gas central heating, double glazing and CCTV are installed



Weston Road Morda £123,950

- PRICES FROM £123,950
- Oakwood Grange is a small residential development
- Plot 1 is a spacious 2 bedroom semi-detached house
- Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Cloakroom, 2 Bedrooms & Bathroom.
- Gas central heating and double glazing will be installed as standard
- All properties will come with a 10 year warranty
- Anticipated completion late Summer 2016.



Lloyd Street Oswestry £121,995

- A delightful 2 Bedroom Property situated on the fringe of the town centre
- Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen
- Lobby leading to useful Storage Room and Cloakroom
- Two good size bedrooms and the Bathroom
- Externally the property has a good size enclosed rear garden
- Gas central heating and double glazing are installed throughout
- An ideal first time buy or investment. EPC Rating D



Maes Yr Ysgol Llanfechain £174,995

- A delightful 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated on a small residential cul-de-sac
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Rear Porch
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- The site is situated within walking distance of the popular village of St Martins. The land extends to (0.359 acres) or thereabout and set in an elevated position with views over open countryside
- The approved units have a internal floor area of (1224.50 sqft) per property & are partly serviced with a drainage system in place. Should be of interest to Builders, Developers and Self Builders.



Fitzgwarne Drive Whittington £224,995

- An immaculately presented 4 bedroom Detached Family Home
- Situated in a sought after location in the popular village of Whittington
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Family Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloakroom,
- Master Bedroom (en-suite), 3 further bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Good size rear garden, driveway and single garage
- Double glazing and gas central heating together with a burglar alarm



Church Lane St Martins £125,000

- A unique opportunity to purchase a block of development land with full planning permission for the construction of two detached family homes with garages
- The site is situated within walking distance of the popular village of St Martins. The land extends to (0.359 acres) or thereabout and set in an elevated position with views over open countryside
- The approved units have a internal floor area of (1224.50 sqft) per property & are partly serviced with a drainage system in place. Should be of interest to Builders, Developers and Self Builders.

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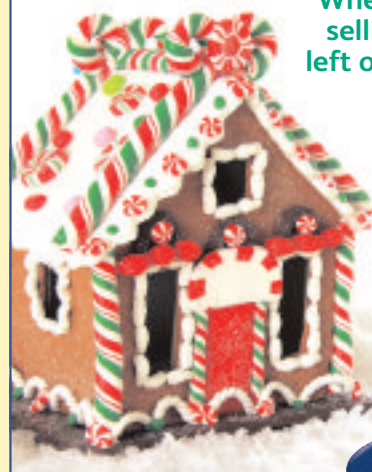
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- Acrefair - Two Bedroom End Terrace - £500 pcm
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- Oswestry - Two Bedroom Apartment - £475 pcm

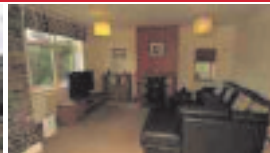
OSWESTRY



- Unique Family Home
- Annexe/ Studio To The Rear
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Shower Rooms & Bathroom
- Popular Residential Development
- Well Maintained

£189,950

PANT



- WITH NO CHAIN!!
- Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Private Position
- Generous Gardens
- Double Garage

Offers in the region of £225,000

WEST FELTON



- WITH NO CHAIN!!
- Immaculate Two Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Recently Fitted Kitchen
- Ideal First Time Buy/Investor
- Off Road Parking
- Easy Access to Road/Rail Links
- Viewing Advised

£125,000

HIRNANT



- NO CHAIN!!
- Detached Country Cottage
- In Need Of Full Modernisation
- Three Reception Rooms
- Stunning Rural Backdrop
- Gardens and Parking

Offers in the region of £170,000

PONTFADOG



- Detached Country House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Elevated Position With Views
- Backing Onto Open Fields

£325,000

ST MARTINS



- Spacious Mid Terrace
- Fully Modernised
- Three Bedrooms
- Upvc D.G. / Gas C.H.
- Off Street Parking
- Lawned Rear Gardens
- Village Location
- Viewing Essential

Offers in the region of £122,500

ST MARTINS



- NO CHAIN!!!
- Detached Spacious Bungalow
- Sought After Location
- Good Sized Garage
- Summerhouse
- Off-Road Parking

Offers in the region of £175,000

GOBOWEN



- Detached Three Bedroom
- Gas Central Heating
- In Need of Modernisation
- Close to Rail and Road Links
- Ample Off-Road Parking
- Potential Building Plot

£185,000

LLANSILIN



- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- Detached Country Residence
- 3 Reception Rooms
- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Single Garage

Offers in the region of £339,000

CHIRK



- WITH NO CHAIN!!
- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms & En Suite
- Popular Village Location
- Well Maintained
- Mediterranean Gardens

£199,950

CHIRK BANK



- GENEROUS ACCOMMODATION
- Semi Detached Cottage
- Three bedrooms
- Popular village location

Offers over £200,000

CHIRK BANK



- Delightful Four Bedroom
- Semi-Detached Cottage
- Countryside Views
- Sought After Location

£210,000

OSWESTRY



- NO CHAIN!!!
- Detached Bungalow
- Sought After Location
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite Shower Room
- Well Maintained Throughout

Offers in the region of £210,000

OSWESTRY



- EARLY VIEWING ADVISED!
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Detached Family Home
- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom

Offers in the region of £269,950

BLACK PARK



- WITH NO CHAIN!!
- 18th Century Farmhouse
- Extensive Grounds

Offers in the region of £325,000



- Large Attic Rooms
- Original Architectural Features
- Open Fireplaces

MANSION GARDENS, OSWESTRY



- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Parking and Garage
- Sought After Development
- Spacious Accommodation

Offers in the region of £229,950

OSWESTRY



- Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Victorian Conservatory
- Close To The Town Centre

£239,000

OSWESTRY



- WITH NO CHAIN!!!
- Period Detached Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Master En-Suite

£249,950

CHIRK BANK



- Modern Detached House
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Ensuite, Bathroom And W.C
- Double Garage

Offers in the region of £249,950

OSWESTRY



- Detached Family Home
- Edge of Development
- Four Bedrooms
- Two En-suite

£275,000

WESTON RHYN



- NO CHAIN!!
- Large Detached House
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Non Estate Location

Offers in the region of £215,000

OSWESTRY



- Ex Showroom Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Easy Modern Living
- Sought After Development

£83,000



NEW PRICE

MINSTERLEY, SHROPSHIRE

Grade II* listed ♦ 3 receptions ♦ 5 bedrooms ♦ 4 bathrooms ♦ 2nd floor with potential for further bedrooms & bathrooms ♦ walled garden & feature pool ♦ paddock ♦ about 3.39 acres.

Guide £1.1 million

Contact: Tony Morris-Eyton



NEW INSTRUCTION

LLANYBLODWEL, OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE

Hall, drawing room, dining room, sitting room ♦ kitchen/breakfast room ♦ four bedrooms on first floor & two attic bedrooms ♦ conservatory ♦ range of outbuildings surrounding cobbled courtyard ♦ landscaped formal garden

Guide £799,999

Contact: Tony Morris-Eyton



Buying or selling this spring? Talk to Savills.

Fountain pen is write way to make impression!

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

By John Ridgway of Perry & Phillips



THERE is something about using a fountain pen that makes writing a pleasure rather than a necessity – and using a vintage pen adds a certain old-fashioned glamour to the whole experience.

Some people are so taken with the idea that they collect vintage fountain pens, some of them amassing literally hundreds!

The older the pen, the more valuable it is and the experts will know what manufacturer names to look out for at auction.

One of the oldest fountain pen makers were American company L E Waterman, founded in 1884, whose first pens were made from hard rubber and subsequently incorporated silver and gold.

These early pens were expensive but the plastic Patrician pen introduced by Waterman in later years was much more affordable – and whilst Waterman had been busy refining his products a certain George Parker had been selling pens to supplement his income as a Wisconsin telegraphy teacher before deciding to patent his own in 1889.

I wonder if George envisaged the ongoing success of his pen company, which would see it celebrate its 125th birthday in 2016, but he must have soon realised that his products would make him a global supplier.

Early Parker pens to look out for include the Black Giant, launched in 1905, the Duofold, a great seller during the Roaring Twenties, the Parker 51 and 61 (1939 and 1956) and the Parker Vector, which was introduced in 1982.

Yet again in America, Walter Sheaffer of Fort Madison patented a self-filling fountain pen in 1908 before setting up his Kansas City company in 1912 and offering customers a ten dollar pen guaranteed to last a lifetime.

The early Sheaffer pens were made of red or black hard rubber but in 1924 he began using a new material, Radite, the colours were marbled jade green and black and he started to stamp serial numbers on the nibs in 1926.

The Sheaffer brand was bought by Bic in 1996, then by A T Cross Company in 2014, and Sheaffer pens are today still very much luxury items.

In addition to the older pens, vintage Sheaffer collectors will be seeking include the Touchdown, Snorkel, Pen for Men, Targa and School Pen, dating from the 1940s to the 1970s.

Moving closer to home, we have the Onoto Patent Self-filling Pen, introduced in 1905 by British company Thomas de la Rue, printers of stamps and bank notes.

The Onoto featured a new plunger-filler system and was guaranteed not to leak – it became one of the best selling fountain pens of all and was used by Florence Nightingale and Winston Churchill.

Ever closer was Richard Esterbrook who launched a fountain pen with a nib made of the alloy osmiridium in Birmingham during the early 1930s.

So we have a number of famous pen manufacturer names to look out for, others including Mabie Todd, Conway Stewart and Wahl Eversharp . . . so put those ballpoints away and head off to the saleroom!

John Ridgway is based at Perry and Phillips Auctioneers in Low Town, Bridgnorth. The firm holds valuation days, for sale items only, every Wednesday from 10am until 4pm at their Mill Street saleroom in Low Town and auctions of antiques and collectables are held on the first Tuesday of each month.



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Cotton growing on a seedhead

FABRIC has been a part of my life for more than 40 years. It is a fascinating subject and I have detailed some of the most interesting facts below:

Silk is produced by the mulberry silk-worm, it was first developed in ancient China as early as 3600BC. A silk rope is stronger than a metal wire of the same thickness and it takes more than 25 mulberry trees to produce 3kgs of silk. A silk dress requires 70kgs of mulberry tree leaves!

Cotton is a fibre that grows around the seeds of the cotton plant and is almost pure cellulose. It was discovered at least 7000 years ago and its by products are used in many products, including margarine and bank notes, US paper money is 75% cotton. It can absorb 27 times its own weight in water.

Linen is said to be the oldest textile fibre. It is produced from a self-pollinating crop called flax and gets softer the more it is washed. Nettles make softer, finer, silkier and stronger fibre than linen and are regularly used in northern parts of the world. The other 25% of those US bank notes is linen!

Wool has been used for clothing since the

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With Janet Timmis



stone age. It has UV protection and is naturally non-allergenic, water resistant and fire resistant. The wool from about seven sheep would wrap all the way around the earth.

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Nylon is a plastic launched in the 1930's, believed to have been named due to its discovery by two places – New York and London. It was patented on the same day in both cities.

Acrylic is a true synthetic fibre produced

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Acetate is one of the oldest artificial fibres. Although the fibre is manmade, its ingredient is cellulose, obtained from wood pulp, sometimes from cotton.

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Barack Obama usually wears grey or blue suits

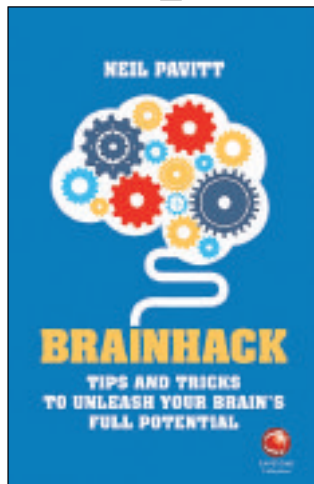


Jennifer Aniston has overcome dyslexia



Use more of your visual brain to see the bigger picture

How to unlock your brain so you can 'think smarter'



Neil Pavitt's new book Brainhack

DID you know 95 per cent of your brain's day-to-day activity is unconscious?

According to creativity coach Neil Pavitt, author of a new book called Brainhack, you can unlock your brain to think smarter, become more focused, more creative and more innovative.

"Think of people with dyslexia. They might have learning difficulties, but they certainly don't have achieving difficulties. Einstein, Jamie Oliver and Jennifer Aniston were or are dyslexic.

"They have to use more of their visual brain and are good at seeing the bigger picture, while having to adapt to get over their difficulties with language. People with dyslexia are four times more likely than the rest of the population to become self-made millionaires."

He offers the following brainhacks to help our brains work better in everyday situations:

RUBBER DUCKING

Verbalise your problem to a rubber duck instead of a person. Keep the duck on your desk and when you have a problem, explain it to the duck. By stating the problem out loud, your brain mentally organises all the information, simplifies the problem and en-

By Hannah Stephenson

gages more areas of the brain. Unlike a person, the duck won't interrupt, yawn or say he's too busy to deal with this right now.

CAT POWER

Studies have found that the most productive people aren't the ones who work the longest, but those who take regular breaks. One study found that the 10 per cent of employees with the highest productivity didn't put in longer hours than anyone else, but took 17-minute breaks for every 52 minutes of work. Don't switch on the news, which can create a negative mindset, but watch something more light-hearted such as a cat video or something funnier, which creates an open, happier mind and thought process.

MESS IT UP

Research shows that people in a messy environment come up with more creative ideas. "There's an unconscious element that determines that in a messy environment, your mind wanders in different directions and enters more interesting areas."

FORGET FASHION

Wearing the same outfit enables you to make fewer decisions. "Barack Obama is almost always seen in grey or blue suits. He says: 'I don't want to make decisions about what I'm eating or wearing, because I have too many other decisions to make'. It gives

you more brain energy for the rest of the day because your mind becomes more tired with each decision you make.

CHANGE IT UP

The smaller the unit of time a task is expressed in, the closer it seems and so the more likely you are to start working on it. For example, if you have a three-month deadline, express it as 90 days. In one experiment, participants were asked when they would start saving for retirement. Some were told they would retire in 30 years, others that their work life would end in 10,950 days. Results showed that the latter group was likely to start saving four times sooner than the former.

EMBRACE SARCASM

Sarcasm engages more of the brain - for both the giver and the receiver. Telling someone, "Don't work too hard" when they are clearly resting puts the receiver's brain into abstract thinking mode which increases creativity, according to research.

BE MUSICAL

Take up an instrument, even if you're not musical, because it gives the brain a workout. It engages lots of different parts of the brain and creates new neural pathways. "One test at the University of Florida of 60-85-year-olds who received piano lessons, found that after six months, they had gained bigger memory."



Mayor Peter Cherrington with Clare Wall as Mary Poppins



Heather Wilson and Alan Braddock at the Easter outdoor market in Oswestry



Sandra Higson and Elaine Worthington get in the Easter mood



Jonny Hardway, Adrian Pass, Madelaine Pass, Sarah Hardway and Wendy Dyke entertained shoppers at the Easter market

There's Easter fun for all ages

EASTER fever was in evidence around Oswestry and Welshpool at the weekend with hundreds of people attending a whole selection of events.

Among the attractions was an Easter market in Oswestry, the latest speciality event to help attract more shoppers to the stalls.

Oswestry Town Council teamed up with the Churches Together Organisation for the event on Friday.

As well as the usual traders there were speciality stalls and special events both inside the Powis Hall and outside on the Bailey Head.

Mary Poppins was on hand to entertain and tell stories and many children had their face painted.

One of those shopping was Oswestry mayor, Councillor Peter Cherrington.

"It was fantastic to see so many people out and about and supporting the markets," he said.

The council is to hold a special seminar next month to take a strategic look at how the markets can develop in the future.

Report by Sue Austin

Future speciality markets include a continental market on April 15 and 16, a youth market on May 18 featuring local schools and colleges, Made in Shropshire on May 21 and the annual gardening and farmers market on May 27.

Meanwhile visitors enjoyed Easter at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near Oswestry where there were many Easter themed activities and competitions.

And bosses at the centre have been spreading their Easter fun message to Telford.

Two of the centre's iron gorillas have been installed at Telford Town Park.

Their arrival coincided with the park's water play feature opening for the visitor season.

Meanwhile Hope House Children's Hospice at Morda near Oswestry has benefited from a fundraising Easter event.

The event was held at Maws Craft Centre at Ironbridge Gorge.

Sandra Higson from Janet & Sandra's Crafts and Elaine Worthington from Wax N Glass at the Maws Craft Centre were among those who helped stage the Easter Activity Day on Sunday.



Mia Stokes gets her face painted by Gwyn Tipton at the outdoor market in Oswestry



There was Easter fun at the British Ironwork Centre



Gorillas from the British Ironwork Centre have helped Telford kick off its Easter celebrations



Casualty

9.05pm

Despite their recent shared ordeal, in which Jacob proved the depth of his feelings for her, Connie decides she must forsake their romance to focus on Grace. In response, Jacob tries to distance himself from her by heading out with the paramedics, but he ends up in a partially collapsed building.



Tribes, Predators & Me

7.30pm

Gordon Buchanan joins a group of Bushmen in Botswana's Kalahari Desert to learn their ancient secrets for surviving on foot among wild lions. They teach him how to make fire, find honey, and gather water from desert plants, and the filmmaker watches as they hunt with poisoned arrows.



You're Back in the Room

8.30pm

Former Superbike world champion and one-time King of the Jungle Carl Fogarty, and ex-Towie star Joey Essex join Phillip Schofield and illusionist Keith Barry, as five more strangers team up to win a potential £25,000 by completing apparently simple challenges.



The World's Weirdest Weather

7pm

The documentary series exploring the mysteries behind bizarre climatic conditions continues, this time focusing on the weather's most colourful mysteries. Among the natural marvels highlighted are the top of a black volcano, and the bottom of a 'rainbow' river.



The Championship: Football League Tonight

9pm

Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches from the Championship, as well as a round-up of all the goals, the main talking points, and interviews with a selection of players and managers.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. Michel Roux Jr serves as guest host, and is joined by fellow chefs Bryn Williams and Claus Meyer, while wine expert Jane Parkinson selects drinks to accompany the studio dishes.
11.30 MasterChef. The second quarter-final. (R)
12.00 BBC News; Weather.
12.10 Football Focus. Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's matches, which include Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal v Watford in the Premier League.
12.50 Saturday Sportsday. A look ahead at the day's events.
1.00 Bargain Hunt. Thomas Plant and Kate Bliss each dispense valuable advice to four teams at an antiques fair at Alexandra Palace, as they compete to make the most profit at auction. (R)
2.00 Homes Under the Hammer. Developers Lucy Alexander and Martin Roberts explore a holiday property on the south coast of England, a detached house in the Midlands and a flat in Glasgow. (R)
3.00 Escape to the Continent. Alistair Appleton helps a Yorkshire couple find a new home in the Midi-Pyrenees region of France, and finds out that the rural area is home to a large technological industry. (R)
4.00 Final Score. Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, Football League and Scotland.
5.20 Now You See It. New series. The best and worst of the magic world, narrated by Mel Giedroyc.
5.50 BBC News.
6.00 Midlands Today; Weather.
6.10 Can't Touch This. A pest controller, an enthusiastic dancer, and a former member of a boy-band are among the 16 contestants battling their way through the prize-filled obstacle course.
7.00 The Voice UK. The semi finals arrive, and the remaining contestants face another round of live performances, before a public vote decides which would-be stars will progress to the last stage.
9.05 Casualty. Connie decides to call off her romance with Jacob, but has second thoughts when he gets trapped in a partially collapsed building. Meanwhile, Ethan shares his bad news with Lily.
9.55 The National Lottery Live. The all-important winning numbers are revealed.
10.05 BBC News; Weather.
10.25 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur at Anfield and Norwich City v Newcastle United at Carrow Road; **National Lottery Update.**
11.55 FILM: Salvage (2009). A woman searches for her missing daughter when a deadly creature hides out in her neighbourhood. Horror, starring Neve McIntosh and Linzey Cocker.
1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead.
1.15 BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.30 FILM: I Remember Mama (1948).** Drama, starring Irene Dunne.
8.40 The Women's Football Show. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game. (R)
9.10 FILM: A Distant Trumpet (1964). Western, starring Troy Donahue.
11.00 Natural World. Jimmy Doherty sets out to obtain rare honey from giant killer bees. (R)
12.00 Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul. The chef travels from Croatia to Albania. (R)
1.00 The Best Dishes Ever. A range of dishes featuring different types of cheese. (R)
1.30 Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers: Talking Pictures. Sylvia Syms narrates a profile of the Hollywood double act. (R)
2.20 FILM: Easter Parade (1948). Romantic musical, with Fred Astaire and Judy Garland.
4.00 Flog It! Valuation day in Peterborough Cathedral. (R)
5.00 Big Dreams Small Spaces. A mother creates an Alice in Wonderland playground for her daughter. Last in the series. (R)
6.00 Gardeners' World. Monty Don gets to work on his wildlife garden, ensuring there are plenty of plants in flower for early pollinators. Plus, Carol Klein visits a shaded yet thriving garden. (R)
6.30 Bake Off: Creme de la Creme. Tom Kerridge welcomes three teams of pastry chefs to the first heat of this contest. They are challenged to make more than 100 perfect miniature pastries in three hours. (R)
7.30 Tribes, Predators & Me. Gordon Buchanan joins a group of Bushmen in Botswana's Kalahari Desert to learn their ancient secrets for surviving on foot among wild lions. (R)
8.30 Dad's Army. Capt Mainwaring and the platoon offer to help Pte Godfrey's widowed friend gather in the harvest on her farm – but their well-meaning efforts end in predictable chaos. (R)
9.00 John Le Mesurier: It's All Been Rather Lovely. A portrait of the prolific actor's life and career, from his turbulent marriage to Hattie Jacques to his role as Sergeant Wilson in the wartime sitcom Dad's Army. (R)
10.00 FILM: Quartet (2012). Three former singers' plans for a fundraising concert for their retirement home are disrupted by the arrival of a famous diva. Comedy drama, with Maggie Smith and Billy Connolly.
11.35 FILM: The Lady (2011). Biopic of Burmese democracy activist Aung San Suu Kyi, following her 15 years held under house arrest by the military junta. Starring Michelle Yeoh.
1.40 This is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.
5.45 Great British Garden Revival. Diarmuid Gavin makes the case for glasshouses, which he feels bring a sense of adventure to the nation's outdoor spaces, while Matt James encourages gardeners to plant shrubs. (R)

ITV

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8.10 Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. Animated comedy. (R)
8.30 Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. A modern remake of the classic 1960s adventure series. (R)
9.05 Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
9.25 Murder, She Wrote. A private eye recruits a bizarre new partner. (R)
10.20 Murder, She Wrote. A volunteer firefighter is found dead. (R)
11.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)
12.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
12.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)
1.30 Judge Rinder. Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
2.30 The Chase. Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
3.35 Planet's Got Talent. Clips from the global Got Talent franchise. (R)
4.00 FILM: Nanny McPhee (2005). Period fantasy, starring Emma Thompson.
6.00 ITV News Central; Weather.
6.15 ITV News and Weather.
6.30 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates another selection of comical home videos, including a man falling off a bridge into a canal, and a student who finds an unwelcome surprise in her toilet.
7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. The duo present their series finale, live from the deck of a cruise ship in Barcelona, with guests Peter Andre, Andy Murray and James Nesbitt. Last in the series.
8.30 You're Back in the Room. Former motorcycle racer Carl Fogarty and ex-Towie star Joey Essex join Phillip Schofield and illusionist Keith Barry for the hypnotism game show.
9.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. Game of Thrones star Kit Harington, Marcella actress Anna Friel, comedian Frankie Boyle and R&B singer Tinie Tempah join Jonathan in the studio. Last in the series.
10.30 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.45 FILM: Hot Fuzz (2007). A zealous policeman is relocated to a sleepy country village, where a series of grisly so-called accidents arouses his suspicions. Action comedy, starring Simon Pegg and Nick Frost.
12.50 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 Murder, She Wrote. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.15 How I Met Your Mother.** Ted is lost at sea with Zoey's husband. (R)
6.40 How I Met Your Mother. Marshall and Lily's news has a profound effect on the gang. (R)
7.05 Freeride World Tour. A round-up of action from Fieberbrunn, Austria.
7.30 The Grid. Behind the scenes of the 12 Hours of Sebring in Florida.
8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. Ally is accused of bullying. (R)
8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. Ray becomes a churchgoer. (R)
9.00 The Morning Line. Rishi Persad presents a look ahead to this afternoon's racing at Doncaster.
10.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. Coulson investigates a spy at a symposium on Inhumans.
11.00 The Superhumans Show. Paralympics magazine show.
11.30 The Big Bang Theory. Sheldon lends Penny money to pay her rent. (R)
12.00 The Big Bang Theory. Leonard's mother visits. Guest starring Christine Baranski. (R)
12.30 The Big Bang Theory. Sheldon and Penny fall out over a game of paintball. (R)
12.55 Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. The Bahrain Grand Prix third practice session.
2.05 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Doncaster and Kempton Park.
3.00 Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix Qualifying Live. The Bahrain Grand Prix qualifying session (Start-time 4.00pm).
5.30 Speed with Guy Martin. The motorcycle racer competes in a hill-climb event in Colorado. (R)
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 The World's Weirdest Weather. An insight into the weather's most colourful mysteries, featuring natural marvels including the peak of a black volcano and the bottom of a 'rainbow' river.
8.00 Beatrix Potter with Patricia Routledge. Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Beatrix Potter, this documentary sees actress Patricia Routledge following in the footsteps of the Edwardian publishing sensation. Previously seen on More4.
9.00 FILM: Identity Thief (2013). Premiere. A con-woman acquires an executive's credit card numbers, and lives a life of luxury at his expense. The outraged victim sets out on a mission to track down the fraudster and bring her to justice personally – resulting in them travelling on a disastrous road trip across America together. Comedy, with Jason Bateman, Melissa McCarthy, Jon Favreau and Amanda Peet.
11.15 FILM: Silver (1993). A book editor living in an apartment block begins an affair with the owner and is drawn into a series of murders. Erotic thriller, starring Sharon Stone and William Baldwin.
1.10 Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Holly drives to the airport to find Robbie. (R)
3.20 Location, Location, Location. (R)
4.15 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb.
5.10 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free.
5.25 Deal or No Deal. (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.20** Angelina Ballerina **6.30** Bob the Builder **6.45** Ticky Toc **6.55** Zack and Quack **7.05** Make Way for Noddy **7.20** Paw Patrol **7.35** Little Princess **7.45** Pip Ahoy! **8.00** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.25** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.40** Wanda and the Alien
8.55 The Fairly OddParents.
9.30 The Saturday Show Live.
11.30 Police Interceptors. (R)
12.25 Police Interceptors. Kev and Steve go on the hunt for suspected heroin dealers. (R)
1.25 Rookies & Raids: A Police Interceptors Special. Ben Sutcliffe takes presenter Rick Edwards through interceptor training. (R)
2.25 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. The return of the programme following the work of RSPCA officers. (R)
3.20 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. An inspector takes in a pregnant dog. (R)
4.20 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R)
5.15 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R)
6.10 NCIS: Los Angeles.
7.00 NCIS: New Orleans. The team investigates the murder of two US Navy foremen transporting a donor heart, and it soon becomes clear the organ has been stolen by a criminal in need of a transplant.
8.00 NCIS. The team uncovers a fraudulent charity that preys on those searching for missing military personnel while investigating the murder of a retired Master Sergeant.
8.55 5 News Weekend.
9.00 The Championship: Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches from the Championship, including Hull City v Bristol City and Brighton & Hove Albion v Burnley.
10.00 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. A round-up of the latest matches in League One and League Two, including Burton Albion v Bury, Shrewsbury Town v Wigan Athletic and Mansfield Town v Northampton Town.
10.30 NCIS: Greatest Ever Episodes. A senior navy officer dies on board the president's plane and forensic tests indicate the fatality was due to natural causes – but Abby believes he was murdered. (R)
11.25 NCIS: Greatest Ever Episodes. Ducky, Gerald and Kate are taken hostage by a gunman who demands evidence relating to the recent shooting of a suspected terrorist. Crime drama, guest starring Alan Dale. (R)
12.15 SuperCasino.
3.10 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R)
4.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R)
4.40 Divine Designs. (R)
5.05 HouseBusters. (R)
5.30 Access. (R)
5.45 Angels of Jarm. (R)
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Countryfile

7pm

An episode devoted to cattle, in which Matt Baker meets a farmer who got into the business after a fundraising campaign on social media, who discusses the current state of the beef trade. Meanwhile, Helen Skelton visits a tannery using traditional methods to produce leather.



Natural Born Winners

8pm

The athletes move on to Turkey, where they train at Turkish oil wrestling under the tuition of one of the sport's greatest champions. Gareth's rugby training gives him an edge, while James finds his speed and agility are an asset. When they watch a match, they realise it is more dangerous than they thought.



The Chase Celebrity Special

7pm

Bradley Walsh presents as DJ Scott Mills, actress Sunetra Sarker, boxer Anthony Ogogo and TV presenter Johnny Ball pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock.



Indian Summers

9pm

The club holds a fashion show, but the glamorous evening turns ugly when a horrifying attack is made on a guest, with the identity of the culprit a mystery. Ralph takes it upon himself to play detective and bring the perpetrator to justice himself, but the truth turns out to be more terrible than he imagined.



Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas

9pm

Jonathan Ross is enlisted to help two of this week's illusionists, assisting on a card trick and an act involving drawing. Plus, a performer attempts to use mental trickery on Penn and Teller and a fourth act make animals disappear and comes up with a new twist on the classic cup and ball routine.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
- 7.25 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur at Anfield and Norwich City v Newcastle United at Carrow Road. (R)
- 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.**
- 10.00 The Big Questions.** Nicky Campbell presents moral and religious discussions from Manor CE Academy, York.
- 11.00 Wanted Down Under Revisited.** Nicki Chapman meets up with the Cummings family from Scotland, who sampled life in New Plymouth on New Zealand's North Island, but faced objections from 11-year-old daughter Sarah. (R)
- 12.00 Bargain Hunt.** From Topsham, Devon. (R)
- 1.00 BBC News; Weather.**
- 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer.** Featuring properties in Burton-on-Trent, Kirkcaldy and Rhondda. (R)
- 2.15 Secret Britain.** Exploring one of England's most popular national parks. (R)
- 3.15 Escape to the Country.** Looking for a rural property in Kent. (R)
- 4.00 Points of View.** Viewers' comments.
- 4.15 Songs of Praise.** The Junior Semi-Final of the School Choir of the Year Competition.
- 5.00 Life in the Air.** New series. Animals that defy gravity.
- 6.00 Paul O'Grady: The Sally Army and Me.** The presenter teaches troubled teenagers how to bake, helps a homeless man who has finally got a roof over his head to move, and is persuaded to perform a rap song.
- 6.30 BBC News.**
- 6.50 Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 7.00 Countryfile.** An episode devoted to cattle, in which Matt Baker meets a beef farmer who got into the business after an online fundraising campaign, and Anita Rani visits a traditional tannery. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
- 8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** The second of two programmes from the Royal Hall, Harrogate, where Phillip Mould examines an ink drawing that he believes may have been made by Picasso.
- 9.00 Undercover.** New series. Legal drama, starring Sophie Okonedo as the director of Public Prosecutions, who uses her position to bring about justice for a murdered activist.
- 10.00 BBC News.**
- 10.20 Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 10.30 Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Leicester City v Southampton at the King Power Stadium and Manchester United v Everton at Old Trafford.
- 11.35 FILM: Butterfly on a Wheel (2007).** A couple's daughter is kidnapped by a criminal who forces them into a course of action that will ruin their lives. Thriller, starring Pierce Brosnan.
- 1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 1.10 BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.45 This Farming Life.** Martin has concerns about two of his pregnant cows. (R)
- 7.45 Gardeners' World.** Monty Don gets to work on his wildlife garden. (R)
- 8.15 An Island Parish.** Unst welcomes some unlikely visitors. (R)
- 8.45 The Beechgrove Garden.** New series. Chris Beardshaw begins work on an exotic garden at Beechgrove.
- 9.15 Countryfile.** Rural developments in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire. (R)
- 10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Highlights of the series.
- 11.45 The Best Dishes Ever.** A range of technically challenging dishes. (R)
- 12.15 MOTD2 Extra.** With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team.
- 1.00 FILM: Silk Stockings (1957).** Musical, starring Fred Astaire and Cyd Charisse.
- 2.55 Flog It!** From Stockport, Greater Manchester. (R)
- 3.30 Figure Skating.** Highlights of the World Figure Skating Championships.
- 5.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure.** Si King and Dave Myers explore Poland as they circumnavigate the Baltic Sea. (R)
- 6.00 The Secret History of My Family.** The documentary charting social history tells the story of an Edwardian mother who relied on welfare, finding out whether her descendants also rely on benefits. (R)
- 7.00 Bletchley Park: Code-Breaking's Forgotten Genius.** Documentary about the work and legacy of mathematician and Second World War cryptanalyst Gordon Welchman, whose later research led directly to today's secret state surveillance. (R)
- 8.00 Natural Born Winners.** The athletes visit Turkey, where they learn oil wrestling from one of the sport's greatest champions. When they watch a match, they realise it is more dangerous than they thought.
- 9.00 Tribes, Predators & Me.** Gordon Buchanan travels to Papua New Guinea, where he meets a tribe that lives alongside crocodiles and is taught to hunt the predators with his bare hands. Last in the series.
- 10.00 Thirteen.** Ivy is forced to risk her life and confront her past to save Phoebe, as the Moxam family is plunged into the same horror they faced 13 years previously. Last in the series.
- 11.00 The People v OJ Simpson: American Crime Story.** Detectives work closely with the prosecutors to find flashier evidence for the jury, while Robert Shapiro triggers divisions in the defence team, upsetting OJ in the process. (R)
- 11.40 FILM: Snow Cake (2005).** A man involved in a road accident forms an unusual friendship with the autistic mother of a girl killed in the crash. Drama, starring Sigourney Weaver and Alan Rickman.
- 1.25 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** (R)
- 2.20 Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)
- 3.20 This is BBC2.**

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- 8.30 Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go!** The teenage superheroes fight to save the world. (R)
- 9.05 Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
- 9.25 FIA Formula E Championship.** The Long Beach ePrix.
- 10.20 Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica investigates a voodoo murder. (R)
- 11.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
- 12.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 12.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
- 1.40 River Monsters.** Jeremy Wade visits the site of the Chernobyl disaster. (R)
- 2.40 Big Star's Little Star.** With Jamie Theakston, Shappi Khorsandi and James Anderson. (R)
- 3.40 Off Their Rockers.** A pensioner auditions for Britain's Got Talent. (R)
- 4.10 FILM: The Living Daylights (1987).** James Bond adventure, starring Timothy Dalton.
- 6.35 ITV News Central; Weather.**
- 6.40 ITV News and Weather.**
- 7.00 The Chase Celebrity Special.** DJ Scott Mills, actress Sunetra Sarker, boxer Anthony Ogogo and TV presenter Johnny Ball take on quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize for charity. Bradley Walsh hosts.
- 8.00 The Durrells.** New series. Period drama, based on Gerald Durrell's trilogy of Corfu memoirs. In 1935, Louisa Durrell relocates her family from Bournemouth to Corfu. Starring Keeley Hawes.
- 9.00 Home Fires.** New series. The WI of Great Paxford live under a shadow as the Battle of Britain looms. Pat befriends a Czech soldier, but finds independence less enjoyable than expected.
- 10.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 10.15 The Olivier Awards 2016.** Michael Ball presents the 40th theatrical awards from the Royal Opera House. Featuring performances from the casts of Guys and Dolls, Kinky Boots, Gypsy and Bugsy Malone.
- 12.00 Premiership Rugby Union.** Action from the 19th round of fixtures.
- 12.55 Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.00 ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

Channel 4

- 6.15 How I Met Your Mother.** Marshall is upset when he remembers his father's last words. (R)
- 6.40 How I Met Your Mother.** Zoey sets Ted up on a date with her naive cousin. (R)
- 7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert is injured in the line of duty. (R)
- 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra makes Ray renew his wedding vows. (R)
- 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray takes an interest in Ally's hobby. (R)
- 8.30 Frasier.** Roz produces Bulldog's show. (R)
- 9.00 Frasier.** Martin tries to solve an old murder case. (R)
- 9.30 Sunday Brunch.** With guest Adrian Lester and music by Izzy Bizu.
- 12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** A project to turn an air ambulance into an amphibious crash pad. (R)
- 1.35 The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon is encouraged to feign interest in Amy's career. (R)
- 2.00 The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard and Penny try to give their relationship another chance. (R)
- 2.30 The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard and Penny continue testing their rekindled relationship. (R)
- 3.00 Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix Live.** The Bahrain Grand Prix (Start-time 4.00pm).
- 6.30 Speed with Guy Martin: F1 Special.** Guy Martin and David Coulthard compete in the ultimate test of bike against car, going head to head in challenges including a drag race, brake test, slalom and full circuit race. (R)
- 7.30 Channel 4 News.**
- 8.00 Great Canal Journeys.** Timothy West and Prunella Scales travel down the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal, revisiting places from the early stages of their relationship and acting careers. Last in the series.
- 9.00 Indian Summers.** A fashion show at the club ends with a horrifying attack on a guest, and Ralph plays detective to find the culprit, but the truth is more terrible than he could have imagined.
- 10.00 Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
- 11.00 Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix Highlights.** The Bahrain Grand Prix. Steve Jones presents action from the second round of the season at the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir.
- 12.00 FILM: I Love You Phillip Morris (2009).** Fact-based romantic comedy drama, with Jim Carrey and Ewan McGregor. **Embarrassing Bodies Down Under.** The doctors visit Bondi Beach. (R)
- 1.45 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 2.40 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 3.05 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 3.30 Come Dine with Me.** Day three of the competition from South Yorkshire. (R)
- 4.00 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 4.25 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 4.50 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free.** Location, Location, Location. Revisiting families from Norwich and Sutton Coldfield. (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas 6.20 Angelina Ballerina 6.30 Bob the Builder 6.45 Ticky Toc 6.55 Zack and Quack 7.05 Make Way for Noddy 7.15 Paw Patrol 7.35 Little Princess 7.45 Pip Ahoy! 7.55 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.20 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.35 Wanda and the Alien 8.50 Toby's Travelling Circus 9.00 Jelly Jamm 9.20 LazyTown**
- 9.45 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Casey Jones tries to prove his worth.
- 10.20 The Championship: Football League Tonight.** Highlights and all the goals from the Championship. (R)
- 11.20 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight.** A round-up of all the goals from League One and League Two. (R)
- 11.50 The Gadget Show.** First Dates star Mitz Patel samples a range of romance-themed technology. (R)
- 12.45 Police Interceptors.** Justin Moffitt and Paul Faulkner chase down a gang of suspected car thieves. (R)
- 1.45 Greatest Animated Movies.** A countdown of classic cartoon films. (R)
- 4.40 FILM: Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return (2013).** Premiere. Animated fantasy, with the voice of Lea Michele.
- 6.20 FILM: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1937).** Premiere. Disney animated version of the Brothers Grimm story about a princess driven from her home by her evil stepmother. With the voice of Adriana Caselotti.
- 8.00 Now That's Funny!** Featuring failures in 3D and some unlucky beginners. Plus, the latest Stars of the Week.
- 8.55 5 News Weekend.**
- 9.00 Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas.** Two performers enlist the help of Jonathan Ross with their acts, which involve cards and drawing. Plus, other illusionists perform mental trickery and make animals disappear.
- 10.00 FILM: Carrie (2013).** Premiere. A teenage girl finally snaps and uses her psychic powers to avenge herself on the bullies who tormented her. Horror remake, starring Chloe Grace Moretz and Julianne Moore.
- 12.00 The Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final.** Barnsley v Oxford United. Extended highlights of the showpiece match from Wembley Stadium, where the League One and League Two sides faced each other.
- 12.55 SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.10 The Tube: Going Underground.** The closure of the ticket office at Victoria station creates problems. (R)
- 4.00 Wildlife SOS.** The work of an animal sanctuary. (R)
- 4.25 Wildlife SOS.** The work of an animal sanctuary. (R)
- 4.50 Great Artists.** Greek artist El Greco. (R)
- 5.20 Divine Designs.** (R)
- 5.45 Angels of Jarm.** Penny does not listen to the teachers' advice. (R)
- 5.50 Angels of Jarm.** Angel Ellie helps a girl who makes fun of the way her friends look. (R)

Ideal time to re-kindle connection with nature

THE Easter holidays are upon us and there's no better time than spring to engage the kids with gardening projects, or take them to outdoor places which will both inspire and delight them.

It's surely time to redress the balance of children's lack of connection with nature.

Some 12 per cent of children in England have not visited a park, forest, garden or any other natural environment for at least 12 months, according to a new Government study.

So, have a look at Easter events with the National Trust (www.nationaltrust.org.uk), whether it's an Easter egg hunt, crafts, cookery or bushcraft skills.

The four RHS gardens (www.rhs.org.uk) will also be holding a range of events, from Lindt Gold Bunny hunts and spring 'I-Spy' – a journey around the garden looking for spring plants, animals and equipment – to themed storytelling and birds of prey displays.

But you can also sort out simple projects in your own garden, says Matthew Appleby, deputy editor at Horticulture Week, author, garden blogger and father-of-two, who is concerned that children are losing touch with nature.

"I see a 'disconnect' between children and nature – largely due to the rise of the internet," he says.

"A poll by Persil found that more than half of parents encourage their children to avoid messy activities such as gardening and baking.

"One in three children say that they did not like getting dirty, their preferred activities being television-watching and playing on video games."

Some companies have made inroads into tempting youngsters into the garden with their child-friendly products.

Compost

Seed Pantry, for instance, has launched a new Children's Me Seeds Starter Kit, containing seeds to grow cress, sunflowers, pumpkins and sweetcorn, as well as all the compost discs, pots and labels you need to get started (£12.50, www.seedpantry.co.uk).

Attractive children's tools and clothing have also made their mark, with companies such as Briers (www.briersltd.co.uk) providing everything children might need for their garden adventures.

There's also plenty of ideas for children's projects in Appleby's latest book, *The Children's Garden*.

These include:

The all-you-can eat hanging basket: The beauty of this idea is you get so many mini-projects in one basket.

Fill a lined basket with potting compost, plant a strawberry plant in the centre and add basil and dill plants round the edge.

Marigolds provide edible petals and colour.

Tumbling tomatoes can cascade down the sides. Hang at children's eye level so they can feed and water.

Plant up an old handbag or high-heeled shoe. Adults need to make a hole in the

bottom, add some compost and let the child put in a plant, such as a pelargonium or chili plant.

Seed bombs: Seed bomb some waste ground by mixing seed, compost and dry clay powder to stick your bomb together.

Create a miniature garden: These projects take gardening down to children's eye level and make plants seem less intimidating.

Use an old washing-up bowl or clean litter tray with some drainage holes in the base.

Including children's own toys – dolls, dinosaurs or fairies – gives them a sense of ownership.

For a dinosaur garden, use prehistoric-looking plants such as small ferns and moss, plus creeping mint and thyme for the dinosaur models to creep along.

An indoor mini garden follows the same principle.

Use cacti and pebbles to create a desert cowboy scene.

If it rains, take growing inside. The old favourite of a cress head grown in an old pair of tights is great, but update it by using popcorn seeds – children prefer popcorn to cress.

Use seeds sown on cotton wool stuffed in a pair of old tights and tied at the top.

Place on a pot and water for a quick introduction to the magic of growing your own.

Plants for free. If you're on a budget, cut-off tops of carrots, turnips, parsnips or beetroot will grow again on a saucer of water or in a pot. Or try pineapple tops using the same method, or avocado stones, balanced half over a glass of water.

The Children's Garden: Loads Of Things to Make & Grow by Matthew Appleby, is published by Frances Lincoln, priced £14.99. Available now



A close-up of grape hyacinths on the meadow – one of the delights of spring

Layering: a great solution for hard-to-root shrubs

By Hannah Stephenson

THERE are some plants that just don't do very well with traditional propagation from cuttings – rhododendrons, camellias, honeysuckles and daphnes are just a few

But many 'problem plants' can be propagated by a method called layering.

Unlike cuttings, which have to survive on their own, simple layering induces roots without actually cutting the shoots off the parent plant.

And because the shoots have a source of food and water from the parent plant while they are forming roots, they have a good chance of survival.

Simple layering is best done in spring or autumn, when the plant is actively growing.

Choose a branch that is no more than two seasons old, which is at ground level or can be bent to touch the soil.

Dig the ground over where the branch is to connect with the soil, making a small hole where the stem will be positioned, adding a little compost and sharp sand to form a free-draining area to encourage rooting.

Strip the branch of leaves within 15cm on either side of where the stem is to touch the soil, to concentrate the plant's energies on creating new roots, then cut a slit in the stem and push the damaged stem into the hole, pegging it down with a forked stick or U-shaped piece of wire to hold it down, ensuring the wound is in direct contact with the soil.

Stake

Peg the shoots upright, so they will grow upwards and be easier to lift later on.

If you need to, stake the shoot beyond the rooting stem so that it isn't damaged by wind rock (when roots are loosened because of strong winds).

Cover the stem with more compost and water in to settle the soil.

It's wise to put a large stone over the top, both to hold the layer in place and to conserve moisture.

It may take the layer up to two years to root, but when it does it can be detached and replanted.

Other shrubs suitable for layering include magnolia, syringa, forsythia and viburnum.

Upright plants whose branches won't easily connect with the soil, such as witch hazel, acer and jasmine may be more suited to air layering, a technique whereby the compost is taken to the layer rather than the other way round.

Start by making a cut in the stem just below a leaf joint and passing vertically through it up the stem.

Sprinkle hormone rooting powder on the cut, keeping it open with either a match-stick or a small amount of moist sphagnum moss. Wrap more moss around the joint and then wrap the whole thing in clear polythene, tying it top and bottom.

After a while, roots will form and you should see them through the polythene.

Once the shoot has rooted, detach it from



Serpentine layering is more suitable for climbers such as honeysuckle to encourage roots to develop along the stem



Simple layering is best done in spring or autumn

the parent by cutting below the rooted section using secateurs, then pot up the detached plant in the normal way.

To increase stocks of blackberries and hybrid berries, try tip layering.

In mid-to-late spring, choose a long arching stem that easily reaches ground level.

Bury the tip of the shoot 7.5cm (3in) under the surface of the soil. Peg it down (if necessary) with a loop of thick wire. Water if dry. Roots should develop from the shoot tip by the following autumn or spring.

Serpentine layering is more suitable for climbers such as clematis, jasmine, wiste-

ria and honeysuckle. It involves looping the stems of climbers in and out of the soil – so that you end up with a sort of Loch Ness monster effect – to encourage roots to develop at several points along the stem. The technique is similar to simple layering, although thin-stemmed climbers don't have to be wounded.

BEST OF THE BUNCH – Hyacinth

These highly fragrant bulbs producing

Plenty of planting, weeding and cuttings to be taken

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

1. Take cuttings from dahlia tubers which were prompted into action last month.
2. Transplant autumn-sown onions to their final positions, spacing them alternately at 30cm (12in).
3. Plant lily of the valley crowns.
4. In the greenhouse, take cuttings of chrysanthemums, pelargoniums, fuchsias and other pot plants.
5. Thin early grapes growing in heated greenhouses.
6. Divide established clumps of chives.
7. Plant out pot grown bulbs that have finished flowering, such as daffodils, in the garden, removing both the bulbs and the fibre in which they were grown, in clumps between shrubs or herbaceous plants. They should flower again in two years' time.
8. Continue to sow hardy annuals in pots and trays under glass.
9. Watch out for slugs and snails and remove any you see.
10. Continue to protect tender climbers in case

of overnight spring frosts.

11. Prune back any recently planted blackcurrant bushes by removing weak shoots and shortening the remainder to the first or second bud above the ground.

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT – Weeds

BEFORE you go throwing those dandelions, nettles and ground elder into the compost bin, think again – because weeds can miraculously be turned into gourmet veg.

If you boil nettles, their sting instantly disappears and they can be added to soups and quiches. Cover dandelions with a bucket a couple of weeks before harvesting them for mild-tasting pale leaves that are great in salads, or lightly steam some leaves of ground elder – one of the hardest perennial weeds to eradicate – and serve them with a knob of butter. Other weeds, including Shepherd's Purse, has deliciously spicy leaves similar to those of watercress, while pineapple weed gives a taste of the tropical, which goes well in yoghurt dips or sprinkled on salads.

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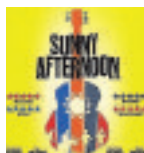
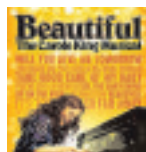
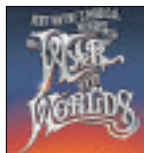
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“George Fowler in the Daily Star says the Astra is now a blindingly brilliant car and although it may look much the same as the car it replaces in every other respect it’s changed dramatically for the better,” said Matt.

“This is the feedback that the Arthurs dealership is receiving more and more from customers as sales go leaping forward. Customers confirm the press reports that the new Astra is quieter, roomier, better equipped and with a more upmarket interior gives a proper swish, smooth and premium big car feel on the road.”

Matt, who was appointed Arthurs of Oswestry’s sales manager more than a year ago, went on to say that news coverage about the Astra was very much how the dealership viewed the changes.

“It is also in line with customer comments which we receive every day,” said Matt.

“Press and customers like the fact that the new Astra is two inches shorter which makes a refreshing change in a time when cars seem to get bigger with every new model.

“As George Fowler says, width is up slightly, but still less than an inch, and that coupled to wheels planted right into the corners, gives it more room inside, even though it sits half an inch lower.

“But, and wait for this, the new Astra is a colossal 200kg lighter which has made a massive change to its handling and speed.

“I couldn’t agree more that it gives the Astra a refreshing feel that makes

it a genuine delight to drive.” And says the report: “The lightness doesn’t transmit itself simply through speed either.

“You immediately notice its crisp steering which gives it a far more planted feel, especially on twisty country roads where the Astra’s fine handling gives it a whole new sense of being in an upmarket, well built, desirable motor.”

In further news coverage, Auto Express reader John Walsh writes into the magazine to say ‘congratulations to the designers behind the new Vauxhall Astra on making it smaller on the outside and bigger on the inside.’

“This is in contrast to other manufacturers’ designers who somehow keep managing to make exteriors bigger and the interiors smaller.”

Matt added: “The best accolade the media could give the new Astra is that the car is an absolute joy to drive.”

Pictured: Astra-nomical says Arthurs sales executive Craig Huxley.

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Jaguar XE builds on MKII's heritage

There's still something very special about driving a Jaguar despite the array of competitors fighting for a slice of the brand's market, writes Graham Breeze.

As the competition grows, develops and improves Jaguar designers could easily have sat back, enjoying the luxury of a protected comfort zone. But instead they produced an XE R-Sport saloon which is a sheer joy to drive.

The rear wheel drive XE is the only vehicle in its class to use a light aluminium skin, which when paired with double wishbone front suspension and an integral link rear axle, is fundamental to the dynamics.

Jaguar's expertise in aluminium structure engineering means exceptional fuel consumption and emissions figures.

In fact the 2.0i 163PS diesel on test returned figures of 68.9mpg on the combined cycle, CO2 emission figures of only 106 g/km and was still capable of a top speed of 132mph and 0-60mph in under eight seconds.

There's a long 2,835mm wheelbase

and low seating position meaning a streamlined profile, while you will not be disappointed inside the cabin which offers the expected outstanding levels of comfort.

It's quite simply a class beating interior that tells you all you need to know about Jaguar.

Jaguar's new InControl infotainment system takes centre stage with an innovative 8" touchscreen bringing fast access to all features and functions along with iOS and Android smartphone apps.

The R-Sport trim benefits from a suite of design changes to go with the image including a dedicated body kit and the model on test came with a brilliant list of standard items.

There's torque vectoring through braking, drive control, sports suspension, power steering, cruise control, hill start assist, brake pad wear indicators, electric parking brake, stop/start facility and speed proportional steering.

There's rain sensing automatic wipers, all-round electric windows, an emergency brake system, stability control, traction control, rear parking assist, tyre pressure monitoring and an impressive SatNav system.

Back seat passengers get armrests but the leg room of a third passenger is badly inhibited by the transmission tunnel.

Base price is £34,075 but the test car would have set you back £44,341 thanks to lightweight 17" alloys, heated and cooled seats, a power convenience pack, an electric tow bar, Meridian sound system, 40-20-40 split and fold rear seats, heated steering wheel, parking assist, interior mood lighting, a heads-up display for the driver and a full sliding panoramic roof.

£44,341 may sound a lot but it's a competitive label in this sector and the model is an absolute joy to drive on both country roads and motorways thanks to being the stiffest and most aerodynamic Jaguar saloon car ever built.

Jaguar created the blueprint for the first ever sports saloon with the iconic Mk II, a car which distilled sports car performance and dynamics into a stylish four-door body. The new XE builds on this unique heritage.

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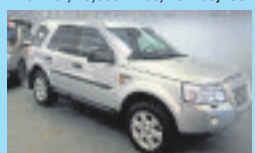
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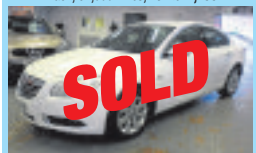
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Infiniti Q30 a modern sculpture

By Ian Donaldson

HOW many people buy a car they think is ugly? Don't fret about the answer – it's close to a nice round zero.

We like to drive cars we like the look of, sometimes – especially – if other drivers think we've bought something hit with an ugly stick (I'm looking at you, Nissan Juke).

Now imagine if it was noticed not for its oddity but for a delicious mix of swoops and swerves that lend an air of modern sculpture in motion.

That would please the owner and, in the case of the car you see here make the manufacturer very happy indeed.

For Infiniti is on a mission. Not to go into brochure detail of the models it sells but

simply to force themselves on to the radar of anyone looking to buy a new car.

Even with a £250 million investment in the plant to make the new Q30 (in Sunderland, alongside Nissans from the parent company) the Infiniti brand's sales in the UK remain vanishingly small.

For the moment, at any rate. The Q30 is the first of an upcoming range designed to take on the premium opposition, with names like Audi and BMW banded about. Get it right and the sales will follow.

To say it looks the business is, to these eyes, a large understatement. I think it looks terrific, and stand-out smart in the optional (£670) liquid copper paint you see here.

More important, the navigator-in-chief, who knows nothing about Infiniti, thought so too.

The good news continues inside, where a tempting mix of soft leather, alloy look highlights and tasteful splashes of wood make this a stylish place to spend an hour or two.

Time during which, if you're a fully paid up petrol head, to spot that some bits (switches, dash display) look as though they've come from a Mercedes-Benz.

Which they have; Nissan (so Infiniti too) has a deal with the German giant, which takes smaller diesel engines in return for... bigger ones and some other parts. Even the platform the Q30 is built on was donated from the Mercedes A-Class, which you may feel is no bad thing.

It must help keep costs down, which on the Q30 start at £20,550 for a car with a 1.6 litre petrol engine and top out at £31,930 for a 2.0 litre petrol auto with all-wheel drive. It puts the car firmly into Audi A4 and BMW 3 Series territory.

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the top, costs £33,900 with the addition of some extras - notably £1,400 for a mildly old fashioned looking satellite navigation system, a £650 Bose sound system (superb) and the already mentioned look-at-me paint job.

Also slightly old fashioned is the 2.2 litre diesel engine donated by Mercedes. It was always a grumbly old thing and only sinks into the background here when nicely warmed through.

Still, on smooth roads and at a steady pace the Q30 is superbly refined. It is

also a fine crusher of Britain's worst road bumps, making for an engaging car when there are passengers to move about.

Not quite so much fun at the wheel, although a smooth approach brings benefits in ways other than fellow occupants remarking on the comfortable way they've just covered 100 miles.

A dash readout of 49mpg isn't too shabby for a car that needs make no excuses when parked next to an Audi, BMW, Mercedes or Jaguar. None of which looks so smart either.

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Win boosts United in their quest for survival

LLANFAIR UNITED ended a four-match losing streak by clinching an important 2-1 home win over Prestatyn to revive their Cymru Alliance survival hopes.

Victory, which completed the double over the Seaside, kept Llanfair fourth from bottom, above Powys rivals Caersws, who suffered a 2-1 loss at Denbigh Town.

Iain Edmunds gave United a 35th-minute lead and, despite Mike Parker equalising on the hour from the penalty spot, the hosts were not to be denied as Jamie Davies pounced for the winner four minutes later.

After a few disappointing but close results in recent weeks, Llanfair delivered the goods in tough, rain-drenched conditions at the Mount Field as they more than matched their visitors throughout the 90 minutes.

Although goalkeeper Mark Richards was forced into a couple of decent early saves Edmunds, Paul Griffiths and Davies all went close for Llanfair as they consistently kept catching Prestatyn on the counter-attack.

And they were ahead eight minutes before the break when Edmunds scored with a terrific lob over a stranded keeper after a good move between himself and Joe Vaughan.

Spilled

In the second half, Prestatyn were awarded a penalty on the hour after Vaughan was ruled to have fouled in the box, with Parker scoring from the spot to level the score.

Undaunted, Llanfair reacted well and four minutes later a Paul Griffiths strike was spilled by the keeper and Davies slid in to score.

Llanfair had further opportunities on the break, while some scrambled defence denied Prestatyn at the other end as the hosts held on for a crucial win.

Below-par **GUILDSFIELD** slipped to a disappointing 2-1 loss at lowly Conwy Borough to dent hopes of a top-five finish.

Ross Rule (47) and Joe Caplin (72) gave Conwy a two-goal lead before substitute Dave Easthope pulled one back 10 minutes from time to give the visitors hope of salvaging something from the game.

CAERSWS were left frustrated in their 2-1 defeat at Denbigh, having led with a 15th-minute strike from Jack Williams in his second game for the club.

They could have been further ahead, but two contentious goals in the space of four minutes in the second half proved their downfall.

The first was the award of a penalty in the 59th minute which Kristian Platt converted, and four minutes later Sam Jones scored with a free-kick.

Town cruise through to semi-finals

HIGH-FLYING FC Oswestry Town booked their place in the semi-final of the Mercian Regional League premier division cup with a 3-0 success away to AFC Bridgnorth reserves.

Already on the brink of the league title, Town stayed on course for more silverware with goals from Jack Harris, Tommy Lewis and Chris Bishop.

Town are also chasing the Shropshire Challenge Cup and will take on Childs Ercall at Shrewsbury Sports Village on Monday (7.30pm) for a place in the final at The New Meadow, Shrewsbury.

Victories against Trefonen, Clee Hill and Bishop's Castle have secured the place in the last four for Nick Maguire's side.

Meanwhile, former Liverpool ace Jan Molby will be the guest at Town's sportsman's dinner at The Venue, Oswestry, on Friday, May 13.

The night also includes comedian Austin Knight and a fund raising auction along with a two-course meal. Tickets cost £20, and are available from 07772 990425



The New Saints boss Craig Harrison has words with the assistant referee



Simon Spender of The New Saints and Newtown's Neil Mitchell are floored

Unbeaten home run is finally at an end

TNS 1 NEWTOWN 2

TWO terrific strikes from Matty Owen sentenced The New Saints to their first Welsh Premier League defeat at Park Hall in more than three years.

Despite the setback, the defending champions are still well placed to lift the crown for a fifth successive season as they hold a five-point lead with just three games left.

But there would be some growing concern after the Saints have now suffered back-to-back losses, while the league leaders have picked up just one point out of a possible nine.

For Newtown, it was a day to cherish after sentancing TNS to their first league loss on their 3G surface since November 24, 2012.

In that time, they had gone 56 games without defeat, while they were at one stage contemplating the prospect of being crowned champions on Saturday night.

As it turned out, second-placed Bala Town – who the Saints host in two weeks in a potential title decider – defeated Airbus UK the day before to prolong the title race.

Chances

Victory would nevertheless have put TNS in a virtually unassailable position, but instead they are now starting to look over their shoulders.

Saints boss Craig Harrison was left frustrated, but insists his side are still well placed to lift the crown.

"It's disappointing as we could have put the league to bed by now," he said.

"I'm gutted to lose as I felt we created enough chances to have won the game, but we were done by two sucker punches on the counter-attack.

"Our home record has gone, but what is more important than records is winning the league. We've got to keep a clear head."

Newtown, who had not won since the league split, produced a stirring team display, soaking up pressure and being quick to counter-attack.

And their match-winner was Owen who produced two fantastic finishes from outside the box, one in each half, to put the skids under the league leaders.

Owen produced a neat low finish inside the left post from 20 yards to give the Robins the lead, before Jamie Mullan bundled in a Ryan Brobell cross right on half-time, despite the ball appearing to come off his hand.

However, Newtown were not be denied as Owen made the most of some space 25 yards out on the hour before smashing a rasping shot past keeper Paul Harrison.

The Saints had started well enough, with Aeron Edwards bringing a smart save from keeper Dave Jones with a powerful shot from the edge of the box.

But the best early chance fell the way of the Robins as Tom Goodwin released Neil Mitchell



Adrian Cieslewicz and Scott Ryan give chase during the Welsh Premier clash. Pictures: Steve Leath

who was forced wide as he went through. The visitors were in front on 15 minutes when they broke down the left with Luke Boundford finding Owen who turned his marker before firing low past Harrison from the edge of the box.

TNS were back on the offensive, with Brobell's volley forcing Jones into another good save, while Greg Draper failed to find a telling finish after beating a couple of defenders.

Edwards then rattled the post, Chris Marriot saw an effort deflected wide and Kai Edwards squandered a free header.

However, on the stroke of half-time the hosts levelled in controversial fashion when Brobell's left-wing cross was deflected in by Mullan, with the ball appearing to come off his hand.

Despite Newtown's protests, referee Huw Jones let the goal stand, and it was TNS who had the bit between their teeth in the second half with Chris Sergeant and Edwards both going close.

But shortly after the hour mark, the Robins were back in front when Scott Ryan slipped the ball to

Owen who smashed a terrific shot from 25 yards past Harrison.

From then on it was all TNS as they camped in the Robins half, with Edwards squandering a free header, before substitute Scott Quigley saw a penalty appeal turned down.

Jones denied Seargeant with 10 minutes to go, but the visitors held firm for a famous victory and almost made it three when Boundford spurned a good opportunity.

Newtown boss Chris Hughes was naturally delighted at the victory which ended a six-match run without a win.

"It was a huge result for us and showed the maturity of the players," he said.

n After a weekend off, leaders The New Saints ladies resume their title quest in the West Midlands Women's League premier division when Wrockwardine Wood travel to Park Hall on Sunday.

With three games remaining, the Saints are four points clear of second-placed Crusaders and have a far superior goal difference.

Williams winner settles tight clash

By John Bridgwater

A FIRST-half goal from Emlyn Williams and a determined defensive display in the second period enabled Morda United to secure a 1-0 win against Llanfechain in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one.

Buoyed by their victory over Meifod a few days earlier which clinched a place in the final of the Village Cup, the Weston Road side kept up the winning momentum.

Playing with the wind, they dominated the early play but their first real effort came with a long shot from George Turner. Williams then had a penalty appeal denied on the half-hour before giving his side the lead with a neat back-heel finish after a Turner corner had bobbed around the box.

Llanfechain were denied an instant reply when

home skipper Steve Bishton cleared off the line after a similar melee at the other end.

Jack Jones twice hit the bar for Morda before the break but, in the increasing rain and wind in the second period, the hosts found themselves pinned in their own half.

However, a dogged defensive display kept the visitors at bay while Harry Davies and Stewart Johnson both went close during rare breaks.

Meanwhile, a stoppage-time strike from Turner secured Morda's place in the final of the Village Cup after a hard fought 1-0 semi-final against high-flying Meifod. Both sides started the game in deter-

mined fashion, with Meifod defending solidly and showing pace on the attack with Morda keeper Josh Thomas having to advance out of his goal to make an early save.

The Weston Road men looked slightly the better side in the second period with Jones particularly impressive.

However, the stalemate remained and extra-time was looming until Turner won the game for Morda in the dying moments when unleashing an unstoppable shot from long range.

Morda have a busy time coming up with two games per week scheduled. On Saturday, they have a 5.30pm kick-off away to Guilsfield Reserves and the following Tuesday they host Llanyrnnech at 6.15pm. Both of these are league fixtures.

Welshpool stay sixth after picking up a point

WELSHPOOL managed to beat the wet weather but were unable to see off a resilient Bow Street after being held 1-1 in their Spar Mid Wales League division one clash.

Looking for only their second win of the year, Pool took the lead in the second half courtesy of Dan Weaver following a corner.

With the conditions at muddy Maesydre taking their toll in an increasingly scrappy affair, the visitors hit back to return home with a point.

Welshpool remain sixth in the table.

Elsewhere, heavy rain caused a string of postponements, with fourth-placed **LLANRHAEDR** losing ground after their trip to Aberaeron was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

PENRHYNCOCH'S challenge was frustrated after their clash at Llandidoes Town was abandoned after half an hour due to an unplayable pitch following a deluge at Victoria Avenue.

Outsiders

The title-chasers were 2-0 up in the mud at the time with early goals from Josh Shaw and Mattie Davies.

Leaders **KNIGHTON TOWN** took advantage to move seven points clear, albeit having played three games more, with a 3-1 success at Hay St Mary's.

In the other first division game played, Llandrindod Wells trounced Tywyn Bryncrug 6-1, while Machynlleth's home encounter with title outsiders Carno was another casualty of the weather.

BERRIEW were frustrated as their ER Jenkins Cup quarter-final at Borth United was also postponed for a second time with the pitch left waterlogged following torrential rain.

The tie will now be played at Berriew next Monday with an 8pm kick off.

Meanwhile, the Rhiewsidars stayed on course for the second division title with a 2-1 success at Presteigne.

Two goals in the last five minutes from Steffan Rogers and Karl Selaerts secured the win.

DYFFRYN BANW boosted their hope of escaping the basement with a 2-0 success at fellow strugglers **FOUR CROSSES**, while Abermule went down 4-2 at Bont.

St Martins go down to shock Raiders defeat

THIRD-PLACED St Martins slipped to a surprise 2-1 loss at lowly Worcester Raiders as they paid the price for a poor first half in their West Midlands division one clash.

It has been a mixed spell for the Saints who would reflect they did enough overall to gain some reward after finding themselves two goals down at the interval.

They were up against it after going behind on just two minutes of a rain-drenched affair, with Nick McPherson scoring from 12 yards in the Raiders' first real attack.

The visitors continued to struggle before Worcester's efforts were rewarded with a second goal five minutes before the interval when central defender Mike Collins headed in from an Anthony Smith corner.

After the break, Ryan Butcher's men proved a different proposition as they dominated much of the proceedings.

However, they were denied by some stubborn defence, highlighted by some terrific goalkeeping with Callum Bennett (twice) and Sam Nash all denied in quick succession.

Shawn Melusi did reduce the arrears with a low shot, but there was no way back for the Saints who were left to lament a slow start against improving opponents.

They have five games remaining, starting with a home clash against Trysull, who are in 11th, on Saturday.

Unbeaten 56 by Parry in vain for Frankton

FRANKTON just missed out on the Tim Ellis Knockout Shield as the Wheatland Indoor Cricket League concluded with a keenly-contested final against Grasshoppers.

The match was nip and tuck all the way but, chasing 102, Frankton finished on 90-5 despite an unbeaten 56 from Jordan Parry to lose by 12 runs.

Grasshoppers, the Wheatland Indoor League double winners, have now won five indoor trophies this season, having also lifted both the Pontesbury League and cup double along with the County Cup.

Tim Ellis Knockout Trophy results:
Preliminary round: Shelton 72-4 (B. Simmonds 36 no, J. Northwood 2-60) Frankton 73-4 (J. Parry 31 no, J. Northwood 15), Frankton won by 2 wickets.
Beacon 108-4 (Y. Pugh 28 no, M. Higgins 25no, C. Higgin 16)
Condover 109-2 (M. Griffiths 25no, J. Mansell 24, C. Rogers 21no). Condover won by 4 wickets.

Cound A 41 (T. Boyd 15, J. Edwards 2-8, L. Miles 2-10) Grasshoppers A 42-3 (J. Yapp 16). Grasshoppers A won by 3 wickets.
Alberbury 87-4 (M. Jones 28no, P. Wilkes 15, K. Sambrook 3-19) Grasshoppers B 87-0 (K. Sambrook 29no). Grasshoppers won by 6 wickets.

Round two: Condover 130-0 (M. Griffiths 25no, T. Reynolds 26no, M. Rogers 26no, C. Rogers 17no, S. Dadds 20no) Cound B 79 (C. Kinsey 34, M. Griffiths 2-16, S. Dadds 3-19). Condover won by 51 runs.

Frankton 105-4 (J. Whitticase 25no, M. Lam-mie 16, J. Parry 27no) Church Stretton 52-4. Frankton won by 53 runs.
Cae Glas 65-2 (S. Eyres 20, A. Martyn 26 no) Grasshoppers A 71-2 (Joe Yapp 28 no, P. Elton 15no, A. Hughes 2-19). Grasshoppers A won by 4 wickets.

Wiley 100-2 (S. Walters 25 no, M. Brown 25 no, T. Bellitt 22)

Grasshoppers B 101-4 (I. Fox 25no, J. Brown 16). Grasshoppers B won by 2 wickets.

Semi-finals: Condover 72-5 (M. Griffiths 22, J. Northwood 2-10) Frankton 72-5 (J. Whitticase 15, C. Jones 15no). Match Tied. Frankton win 3-1 after a bowl out.
Grasshoppers B 67-5 (J. Yardley 17no, E. Davies 4-17) Grasshoppers A 68-4 (P. Elton 23no, J. Edwards 18, K. Sambrook 2-13). Grasshoppers A won by 2 wickets.

Clarke is on move to his former club

FORMER Oswestry all-rounder and England Lion Joe Clarke has joined Wellington for the 2016 season.

Shrewsbury-born Clarke will turn out for the Birmingham League Division One outfit when his Worcestershire commitments allow.

It will be Clarke's second spell at Wellington having played for the club in 2014 before returning to Oswestry last season.

But Oswestry's relegation to Division Two has seen Wellington nip in to re-sign the talented 19-year-old.

"Joe and I have been speaking regularly," said Wellington's chairman of selectors Adam Byram. "He enjoyed his previous spell at the club and was keen to come back."

Clarke, 19, has made impressive progress at New Road and forced his way into the senior side.

He scored more than 500 runs in the County Championship and struck his maiden first class century against Sussex in September. That form earned him selection for England Lions' series against Pakistan in the UAE.

Philpot starts captain's role at Lakeside

LAKESIDE Golf Club have welcomed in new captain Peter Philpot for the year with ladies captain Jane Rix and senior men's captain John Rix also taking up their roles.

An 18 hole Stableford competition was held to mark the occasion, being split into two divisions – under 15.4 handicaps and the over 15.4s.

Division one was a close-fought affair with Charlie Reynolds (7) and Mark Haycock (15) coming in joint second with 34 points. They were both pipped to the post by the in-form Denise Hazelwood (13) who took the honours with 35 points.

Division two again saw a tie for second and third place with John Taylor (18) and Colin Mee (23) with 36 points each. However the overall winner with 38 points was Paul Richards.



Seniors Vice-Captain Maurice Fox, left, and Stan Rawlings

Rawlings a Winter winner

WELSHPOOL Golf Club's Seniors Winter League was won by Stan Rawlings even though he failed to finish in the points in the final round.

Rawlings was pushed all the way by Graham Hughes to win the 15-round event. Steve Morris (11) won the final round with 27 points from Phil Jones (17) with 26.

Thursday's seniors competition was the rearranged St David's Day Rose Bowl Greensomes and was won by Kevin

Salter and Maurice Fox on countback with a net score of 45.

Second were Stan Rawlings and Derrick Arthur and third were Ray Bowen and John Morley with a net 47 shots.

Welshpool Golf Club's 18 hole competitions began in traditional style on Saturday with a four-man Texas scramble.

The winners were Richard Templeton (5), Dwain Evans (9), Alun Evans (14) and Bernie Evans (28) who scored an ex-

cellent 59.4. Second were Jonathan Gamble (4), Brent Parry (10), Mark Llloyd (14) and Dave Jones (20) with 63.2 and third were Alan Davies (17), Charlie Emberton (17), Martyn Ward (18) and Arnold Tanner (24) who scored 63.4.

On Sunday severe weather meant only two pairs completed the course in a four-ball better-ball Stableford.

The winners were Mark Roberts (17) and Russell Jones with a score of 35 points.

Packwood share top billing with Moreton

CRICKET by Nick Elwell

PACKWOOD HAUGH & Moreton Hall schools have been crowned under-13 and under-15 Shropshire Lady Taverners Indoor Cricket champions.

Both sides made their way through their respective district qualifying rounds to then maintain a 100 per cent record in the strongly contested county finals at Telford College of Arts & Technology's Sports Dome.

In the under-13s event, Packwood were victors by the smallest of margins in their qualifying games, beating both Newport Girls High School and Mary Webb by just one run.

Bridgnorth Endowed enjoyed two comfortable victories against Charlton and Church Stretton in their group games. In the final, Packwood's long batting line-up helped them reach 85-5 from their eight overs with Georgie Nicholas top scoring with 19 not out.

Bridgnorth Endowed's hopes were thwarted immediately with a remarkable opening over from Alice Hughes, who took four wickets from the first four balls.

A brave last batter standing effort from Monica White, who scored 18, was not enough for her team as they finished on 37 all out.

In the under-15 event, Moreton Hall and Shrewsbury School faced off in game one with Moreton Hall confidently striding to a total of 97-6 thanks to Milly Home's unbeaten 33. Moreton Hall took important early wickets, but having been 22-4 at one stage Shrewsbury valiantly fought their way back to finish on 84-7.

Moreton Hall then claimed a second victory, against Idsall, to confirm their place in the finals.

After round one of games in the other pool, both Thomas Telford and Bridgnorth Endowed had one win, and then proceeded to compete in the game of the day for a place in the final.

Batting first, Bridgnorth Endowed scored 87-6 with Beth Charnell hitting 24 not out.

Thomas Telford were left struggling at 61-7 in reply, but a mature innings of 20 not out from Lydia Simkiss saw her team over the line on the last ball.

The final was dominated by the bat, with Moreton Hall choosing to bat first and making a record score of 145-5 with contributions all the way through the order.

Thomas Telford found themselves in trouble at 18-4 in reply, but Kiah Patel's knock of 30 gave a glimmer of hope, until she was last out with the score on 65.



Packwood Haugh are all smiles following their success in the under-13 tournament

COBRA suffer a second-half collapse

COBRA continue to sweat on their survival prospects in rugby's Swalec Welsh League division one (north) after suffering a 24-18 loss at rain-ravaged Ruthin.

Despite picking up a bonus point from a hard-fought affair, they remain third from bottom and 10 points above relegation rivals Dolgellau, who have three games in hand.

It could still prove to be a nervy finish to the season for the Meifod side, who have four games left in which to secure safety, one of which is against Dolgellau.

But with points on the board, they will fancy their chances of staying up and have a home clash against in-form Bala next up on Saturday.

They were leading 11-0 at half-time in a game that saw torrential rain in the first half turn the pitch into a quagmire, but four Ruthin touchdowns in the first 20 minutes of the second half transformed the encounter.

COBRA made the trip with a strong side, but a succession of injuries disrupted their plans as they were repeatedly forced to reshuffle their line-up.

They lost fly-half Llew Williams to a pulled muscle in his upper leg, with coach Rhodri Jones taking

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

over in his position, and hooker Steve Isaac also went off with a dislocated knee cap.

Despite the changes, they went 3-0 up with a penalty from Harry Jukes, who took over the kicking duties in the absence of Williams.

In the last five minutes of the first half, a line-out move saw No.8 Jack Jukes break 30 metres down the blind side, brushing off a couple of tackles to touch down wide out, the conversion being missed.

Then, from a kick ahead, winger Sion Wyn Williams was denied just short of the line but the hosts were penalised, with Harry Jukes slotting the penalty for an 11-0 interval lead.

However, the game turned in Ruthin's favour in the second half with winger Wyn Williams and centre Fraser Roberts both going off with head injuries, while skipper Iwan Vaughan was yellow carded for tackling a player from a penalty while not retreating 10 metres.

The hosts took advantage to cross the line four times, but missed a couple of straight forward penalties that allowed COBRA the chance of a bonus

point. First over the line was centre Steffan Morgan who charged over from the 22 line.

Then, after pressure in the visitors' half, centre Emyr Gwynedd was put through in the corner with replacement Shay Owen converting.

The Blues continued to push and in the following 20 minutes Morgan got two further tries to complete his hat-trick with Owen converting one.

But COBRA were not finished, and gained a bonus point when prop Nico Williams powered over under the posts, with Harry Jukes converting to make the final score 24-18.

WELSHPOOL consolidated fourth spot in the Swalec Welsh League division three (north) after running in four tries for a 24-5 bonus point win at rainswept Holyhead.

Flanker Joe Stranks went over twice, with Jamie Evans and Rhys Williams also crossing.

Welshpool now have two home matches, a rearranged clash against Porthmadog this Saturday followed by the visit of Llangedol the following weekend.

n COBRA's youth team continued their excellent form in the North Wales Youth League division two with a 15-13 win against Llandiloies.

McCarthy honoured to take on captaincy

NEWLY-ELECTED Shropshire & Herefordshire captain Sean McCarthy has spoken of the "huge honour" of taking up one of the most prestigious positions in county golf.

McCarthy has succeeded The Herefordshire's Jon Devereux and is busily preparing for the early stages of his two-year tenure.

S&H first team won just one of their five Midland League matches last season, but McCarthy is confident there is reason to be optimistic ahead of the 2016 campaign.

The 36-year-old, who plays off a handicap of one, said: "It's a very exciting time and a huge honour for me to be the captain."

"While we only won one match last season, we were very competitive in virtually all of them and it's now a case of trying to turn that into wins."

"We have lost a couple of players to the professional ranks in Ashley Chesters and Ed Tranter so there will be a slight transition and there are spots up for grabs in the first team. But I'm confident the players we have got are more than capable of performing well."

Plans for the new season begin tomorrow with around 30 of the county's elite performers attending a pre-season players' gathering at Shrewsbury.

The first major of the year, the Spring Trials, takes place at Worfield on Sunday, April 10 with a friendly against North Wales at Porthmadog a week later.

Big entry of crews taking part in rally

MORE than 120 crews are heading to Rally North Wales. A bumper entry will set off from Dolgellau for the one-day event on Saturday.

Competitors will blast through classic Wales stages such as Dyfi and Garthneig in the competition, organised by Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire Car Club.

Pirelli MSA Welsh Rally Championship contenders return to Rally North Wales this year and are joined by the Mintex MSA British Historic Rally Championship for the first time. The Defender Challenge by Bowler Motorsport is a new inclusion while the ANWCC Forest Rally Championship and ASWMC Loose Surface Championship also feature.

Rhuddlan's Luke Francis and co-driver John H Roberts are top seeds – but will go off at No.2.

Organisers have retired "car one" in memory of driver and long-time club supporter David Stokes, who recently lost his battle with cancer.

Returns from the golf clubs

HENLLE PARK

March Medal Div 1: A Wright nett 68 (c/b); S Heathcock nett 68; D O Evans nett 70. Div 2: P Roberts nett 69; G Owen nett 71; I Griffiths nett 72. March Medal Div 1: A Wright nett 67; B Evans nett 69 (c/b); F Woolnough nett 69. Div 2: G Bellis nett 69; P Hampson nett 70; T Price nett 71. Seniors' Individual Stableford: G Chare 41pts; R Mazzerella 36pts (c/b); F Woolnough 36pts. Ladies' Stableford: M Pugh-Jones 33pts; P Tatter-stall 25pts; K Gleave 25pts.

MILE END

Mens Pairs Texas Scramble: A Kerr, G Jamieson 62.8; G Wright, K Cawley 64.0; B Hampson, B Dando 64.0. Nearest The Pin: C Anyes 1m 33. Sunday Seniors' Individual Stableford: S Holloway, M Holmes, N Tomkinson 39pts; J Turner, T Cartwright, B Jones, J Turner 37pts.

OSWESTRY

Sunday Morning Draw For Partners Four Ball Better 36: J. Lawes 36; J. Pearce 35 (c/b); E. Hibbert 35 (c/b); S. Howell 35. Div 2: D Parry 37; G Griffiths 37 (c/b); N Kershaw 36; R Roberts 35 (c/b); C Manning 35; M McAvoy 34 (c/b); D V 3; C Hughes 35; S. Indurkha 35. Stableford: G Chare 41pts; R Mazzerella 36pts (c/b); F Woolnough 36pts. Ladies' Gross: J Lawes 75 (c/b).

Shotgun Foursomes: N Kershaw & D Kershaw 78-11.5-66.5; N Suckley & S Owen 61-13-88; J Harris & S Roberts 84-8.5-75.5.

Ladies' Stableford Qualifier (18 Holes) Silver Div: T Pearce 37pts; D Hall 34pts; B Bebbington 33pts. Bronze Div: A Garbett 37pts; B Warner 35pts (c/b); M Brogren 32pts. Upper Bronze Div: T Hyde 34pts; M Pugh-Jones 32pts; M Crane 31pts.



Eagles look to remain in the title race

OSWESTRY bid to keep alive their challenge in rugby's Cheshire South when they return to action at home to Isle of Man side Ramsey on Saturday (3pm).

Lying second, the Eagles were dealt a blow after a late penalty sentenced them to a hard-fought 23-22 loss at Moore in their last action two weeks ago.

That left them seven points adrift of leaders Manchester Medics who moved closer to the league title courtesy of a 33-5 victory away to Vagabonds.

With just four games remaining, the Medics are firm favourites, but the Os men will be out to keep up the pressure in the coming weeks.

Despite the defeat, the Eagles stand on the brink of promotion to the South Lancs and Cheshire One.

Across the border, **COBRA** will be checking on injuries as they bid to edge towards safety in the Swalec Welsh League division one (north) in Saturday's home meeting with in-form Bala (2.30pm).

The Meifod side lie just above the two relegation places, 10 points clear of Dolgellau, who have three games in hand, after their 24-18 defeat at rainswept Ruthin.

But they are likely to be without fly-half Llew Williams (hip) and hooker Steve Isaac (dislocated knee cap), while centre Fraser Roberts and wing Sion Wyn Williams both face checks after suffering head injuries.

WELSHPOOL, who won 24-5 at Holyhead last weekend, are at home to Porthmadog on Saturday in a rearranged game in division three (north).

Welshpool trio set best times yet as they take on stars

THREE Welshpool swimmers achieved personal best times when they competed against the best athletes in Wales.

Brothers Carwyn and Deiniol Owen joined Tom Weaver in representing Welshpool Sharks at the Swim Wales Long Course Championships in Swansea.

The three had gained entry into the Welsh Championships over the Easter Bank Holiday after setting qualifying times at previous events.

Carwyn Owen finished just outside the medals in the 13 to 14 age category, coming fourth in a time of 36.55 seconds in the 50m breaststroke. Brother Deiniol, in the same event, finished 10th in the 11 to 12 age group with a personal best time of 44.53sec, with Weaver 12th in the 13 to 14 age category in 38.63sec.

Weaver competed in a further three events over the weekend and just missed out on a bronze medal, coming fourth in the 50m backstroke in a personal best time of 32.40sec. He also swam a personal best time of 28.03sec to be fifth in the final of the 50m freestyle before finishing 15th in the 50m butterfly.

Sharks head coach Peter Swanton said: "It's really tough competing at this level. All three coped brilliantly.

"They all swam to their full potential achieving some big personal best times in all the events entered, which is all you can ask. They can all be proud."

Stephens stays cautious in survival fight

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

BOSS Rhys Stephens hailed Llanfair United's resolve as his side prepare for another crunch home clash on Saturday against Conwy United in their Cymru Alliance survival battle.

After four defeats on the bounce, Llanfair stopped the rot with a much-needed 2-1 home win over Prestatyn Town at a rain-drenched Mount Field.

That result kept them two points clear of the bottom three but, with eight games remaining, there is still plenty of work to be done as the relegation dogfight heats up.

"We needed that, it gives us that bit of breathing space. But there is still a long way to go," said Stephens.

"We have been playing well without picking up results, and we deserved the win on Saturday for our effort and work rate.

"Although Prestatyn are on a bit of a bad run themselves, they are still a decent side. The conditions were atrocious and they probably suited us more than them."

Mold Alex, however, won 1-0 at basement rivals Caersws on Easter Monday to move to within two points of Llanfair.

It proved a fantastic weekend for the club with the reserves lifting the Emrys Morgan Cup for a

fifth time in their history with a 2-0 victory over Llandysul in the final at Penrhyncoch.

GUILDSFIELD boss Dan Barton admitted his side failed to deliver in their disappointing 2-1 reverse at lowly Conwy Borough as hopes of a high finish in the Cymru Alliance suffered a setback.

"We were awful," admitted Barton, whose side look for improvements at home to Flint Town United on Saturday.

"It was a poor team performance. Eight or nine players did not perform and we have to do better than that."

Newcomer Dave Easthope, who scored after coming on as a substitute, provided one of the bright spots for the Guils.

HARRISON: NO NEED TO PANIC

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints manager Craig Harrison insists there's no cause for panic despite seeing his side's Welsh Premier League title bid put on hold with back-to-back defeats.

After going down 2-1 at gap Connah's Quay, the defending champions slipped to a 2-1 loss to Newtown last Saturday – their first league reverse at Park Hall since November 24, 2012.

Although they remain five points ahead with three games left, Harrison has been frustrated at being unable to wrap up a fifth title in succession.

And he expects his players to bounce back as they prepare for Saturday's televised Welsh Cup semi-final with gap Connah's Quay at Newtown (5.15pm) as they look to stay on course for back-to-back trebles.

"We know last week's performance was not good enough in any shape or form, the lads are honest enough to accept that and will be looking to right a few wrongs," he said.

"It will be another tough game on Saturday against gap Connah's Quay, but I'm expecting a big reaction from us.

"We have won the cup for the last two seasons and it is a trophy we are desperate to win again. Everyone's still hungry for success.

"The last few games have been disappointing, but it's important we keep clear heads and look at the bigger picture.

"We are still five points clear at the top with three games to go and, if we beat Bala in our next league game, then we have won the league.

"We have also won the league cup and are in the semi-final of the Welsh Cup. If someone had offered us that at this stage of the season, we would have bitten their hands off."

The Saints' semi-final with Connah's Quay kicks off at 5.15pm and will follow the other semi-final between Airbus UK and Port Talbot, which is also being staged at Newtown, with a 1pm kick off.

Meanwhile, the top-of-the-table clash between The New Saints and Bala Town the following Saturday will now start at 5.15pm after it was chosen to be broadcast live by S4C's Sgorio.

Howzat! Success for schools



Moreton Hall powered their way to the under-15 Lady Taverners title

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competition boasted a record 18 schools (20 teams) at under-13s and 17 schools (18 teams) at under-15s, with secondary schools across the length and breadth of Shropshire taking part.

Both will now go on to represent Shropshire in the Midlands regional finals, which take place at Fenton Manor, Stoke-on-Trent, on April 18 and 21 respectively.

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Ifton ready for start of the season

IFTON will look to carry on the good work from last season when they get under way in this year's Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League this week.

Again captained by Dickie Jones, first up is a home clash against Hanwood on Friday, followed by a trip to Hadley USC the following week.

And the St Martins side will be out to hit the ground running after enjoying their highest ever finish of third last term, having only missed out on second place by games won.

They will be even stronger this year with the full time recruitment of Carl Roberts and Dave 'Rocky' Jones and, having been the form team of the second half of last season, will want to push on and challenge for the title.

Ifton lost just one home game last year, so going one better will be their aim this time round to complement their form on the road, which saw them have the best away record in the premier league.

They will be capable of winning a trophy too having gone so close in the Pool A last season.

Bowie seals county spot with Fell win

JON BOWIE from Morda won the 38th Wrekin Fell Race organised by Telford Athletic Club.

The race, although in its 38th year, actually started 40 years ago but two races were cancelled due to foot and mouth in 2001 and deep snow in 2013. The Wrekin Fell Race is also the final race of the Shropshire Winter Fell Running Series.

Bowie, the winner of last year's Sexaration Series, runs for Mercia Fell Runners on the fells and is a Telford Athletic Club member for road, cross country and track events.

He won the five-and-a-half mile race that climbs the Ercall Hill before it reaches the Wrekin summit and returns the same way in 35min 18secs, the fastest winning time since Steve Cale in 2012. The versatile Bowie had a superb run the week before in the fast Trafford 10k road race.

This year's Wrekin race was also the official Shropshire Athletics Association Championships with Bowie taking the gold medal and with it a place in the Shropshire team for the Inter Counties Fell Running Championships in May.

Llanrhaeadr fall to league leaders

FOURTH-PLACED Llanrhaeadr found high-flying Knighton Town too hot to handle as they slumped 4-0 at home to the Spar Mid Wales League division one leaders.

The visitors were in dominant form, carving a 1-0 interval lead before going on to score three more times in the second period to seal an emphatic victory.

Despite the loss, Llan still have realistic hope of finishing third after Carno suffered a 3-2 reverse at Hay St Mary's.

Penrhyncoch, in second, stayed seven points adrift of Knighton with three games in hand after Mattie Davies scored twice in their 3-1 win at Tywyn Brynrcrug.

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